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OVER THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND GERMAN TROOPS NOW IN RUMANIA: CONCENTRATION AT CONSTANZA

Supplies Accumulated In Many Parts Of Country For Nazis

THERE ARE 350,000 GERMAN TROOPS NOW IN RUMANIA AND 45,000 OF THEM ARE CONCENTRATED AT THE PORT OF CONSTANZA ON THE BLACK SEA.

This information was revealed in statements made at Istanbul by SIR REGINALD HOARE, former British Minister to Rumania, who is returning to London—Britain having severed diplomatic relations with Rumania—and the BRITISH CONSUL at Constanza, who is accompanying Sir Reginald together with the Legation staff and other Consular officials.

"IT WAS INEVITABLE FOR US TO BREAK OFF RELATIONS WHEN GERMANY TOOK OVER THE COUNTRY COMPLETELY, THOUGH THE BRITISH AND MOST OF THE RUMANIANS REGRETTED IT," said Sir Reginald. "General Antonescu seems to be trying to convince himself that Germany will win the war."

"WORKING TOGETHER":

CLOSE LINK BETWEEN WORKERS & FIGHTING SERVICES EXPLAINED

"Everybody hates war, but there is something about working and striving to overthrow aggression and brute force. It has given the people of the world a real chance to live in peace and to live their own lives, to practice their own religion and to be tolerant," said MR. ERNEST BEVIN, Minister for Labour and National Service, when he broadcast in a new series from London yesterday, entitled "Working Together."

"I am today opening a series of talks between workers at home and workers in Australia," said Mr. Bevin. "However much distance has separated us, the events of the past few months in Africa have brought us close together."

A CLOSE LINK

"The wonderful accomplishments of the forces in Africa were described by Mr. Winston Churchill in his remarkable broadcast of a week ago. In that talk he used an apt phrase when he described the co-operation between the working people and the fighting forces. Let me quote it: 'We must not forget the amazing fighting of the British tanks, whose design and workmanship has beaten all records and has shown how much the work in the factories at home is linked up with the victories abroad.'"

"In this war," continued Mr. Bevin, "everyone feels that he is in it. Everyone shares in the reverses as well as in successes. We do not say that the army has suffered a reverse or gained a success, but that it is we who have done it."

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Greeks Tell Italians Of The British Successes

Greeks planes have dropped pamphlets telling the Italians of the latest British successes on all African fronts, states a London message.

Greek operations continue successfully from Lake Ochrida to the sea and the Italians have been dislodged from many fortified positions.

One of the fortified positions was regarded as being of such importance that the Italians launched a counter-attack immediately in order to regain it but they were compelled to retreat yet further.

The engagement was in the Tepelini sector.—(Special)

Trade negotiations between the Netherlands East Indies and Japan will be resumed shortly, states a London message.—(Special)

MORE BLOWS FOR WOPS FORECAST

The FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG, in a review of the Italian position, acknowledges the severity of the blows Italy has suffered and forecasts there may be more.

"The war has brought disappointment and heavy losses to our ally. For the first time Italy has been made aware of the fact, warfare against a powerful enemy brings defeat as well as success. This will continue until victory is assured by the more powerful State."

FRONT WEAKENED

Referring to the African war, the paper says, "The colonial front of Italy has been weakened and her losses of men and material are very considerable."

The only word of comfort given by the paper is one which the Italians will scarcely appreciate.

"Even if Britain occupies Tripoli it does not necessarily mean Italy will lose the war."—(Special)

R.A.F. Drop Leaflets In Poland

It is revealed in an Air Ministry communique that aircraft of the Bomber Command flew to Poland on Saturday night where they dropped leaflets, states a London message.

At daylight on Sunday, planes of the same Command, operating singly, attacked a number of objectives in enemy occupied territory.

A Dutch port was attacked and bombs were seen to fall on a vessel moored alongside.—(Special)

300-Year-Old Trees Torn From Roots In Lisbon Hurricane

SUCH WAS THE FORCE OF THE HURRICANE WHICH SWEEP LISPON THAT 300-YEAR-OLD TREES WERE TORN FROM THEIR ROOTS, states a Saigon message. There is hardly a street which does not show signs of destruction.

Gas works were also damaged and the population had to be asked to cut down gas consumption to the minimum.

All the fire brigades from Madrid, Valencia, Valladolid, Burgos, San Sebastian and Bilbao were immediately despatched to Santander.

Large quantities of supplies and a detachment of army and police were sent to the burning city from Burgos. At the height of the blaze, communications with Santander were cut and it was difficult to get the latest details about the casualties. It is known, however, that one person has been killed and several injured.

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WORST STORM

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—The Iberian Peninsula has been swept during the week-end by the worst storm in 18 years.

Wind, in many parts reaching the cyclonic strength, and speed of 80 miles per hour, was recorded at Lisbon while at Cintra was reported a force of 125 miles at the height of the storm.



This new type of fighter-bomber is being delivered to the U.S. Army Air Corps. It is a Douglas-built machine, and in view of its dual role, it would be able to carry out bombing expeditions while relying on itself for defence or attack. It carries a crew of three. The tricycle gear which will be noted in picture facilitates landing.

SIX JAPANESE DIVISIONS REPORTED IN SAIGON: FOUR MORE READY FOR ACTIVE SERVICE IN FORMOSA

THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE SITUATION IN THE PACIFIC STILL REMAINS MENACING, states a message from Sydney, which added that reports received there indicate that the Japanese have established a naval and military base in Saigon and that six divisions of Japanese troops are being concentrated there.

The message added that there are four more divisions ready for active service in Formosa.

Despite this report, it was noted in Australia yesterday that Tokyo was taking a more sober tone in its diplomatic statements and it is apparent that further developments will depend on the American attitude.

Public opinion in Japan seems to incline to the view that nothing will be more unpopular there than a war with the United States, as it is realised that such a conflict will not benefit Japan in any way.—(Special)

With a view to clearing any possible misunderstanding, the Government has announced that the Japanese Foreign Minister has informed the Thai Government that the extension of the Indo-China truce ends at 10 a.m., Bangkok time, on Feb. 25, says Reuter.

WISE PRECAUTION

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—The official advice to British citizens that they should leave Thailand must be read as a wise precaution, not as proof of imminent danger, declares the Daily Telegraph in an editorial yesterday morning.

The paper adds: "When Hitler boasts of the number of people under the Axis whip we should remember that the delegates from the eastern and southern quarters of the British Empire at the Delhi Conference represented a population of 416,000,000 with a trade of £1,300,000,000 a year."

"Yet Australia is only one of the arsenals of the Empire which can

supply a campaign in the Pacific."

RUMOURS RIFE

BANGKOK, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Despite the alarmistic and conflicting reports from outside Thailand over the week-end hinting at the imminence of a Far Eastern flare-up and the possibility of a British invasion of Thailand across the Malayan border, Bangkok had one of the most quiet Sundays.

The Government has already made it abundantly clear that there is no menace whatever from the British side of Thailand's border.

MOST CORDIAL

BANGKOK, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—"Anglo-Thai relations are most cordial and if anything has been reported to the contrary it is ridiculous—so ridiculous as to scarcely call for contradiction," said the British Minister, Sir Josiah Crosby, when the BANGKOK CHRONICLE

JAPANESE LEAVE SHATAUKOK

It was learned from reliable sources that the Japanese have left Shataukok and that the ferry service between Hongkong and Shataukok will be resumed as from today.

It was further learned that there are only a small number of Japanese left at Shumchun.

the only Thai national daily published in English, drew his attention to the various foreign radio reports alleging Britain intended to invade Thailand.

He added: "I refer you to this connexion to the admirable statement issued by the Thai Government on Feb. 15. As you have seen from a recent Reuter message, that statement has been welcomed warmly in London."

Final Selections For Second Day Of Annual Valley Race Meeting

BY "LAST QUARTER"

RACE 1 (11.30 A.M.)	RACE 7 (3.30 P.M.)
Fresh Air	Endeavour
King's Flight	Newborn Star
Bendigo	Bugle
RACE 2 (NOON)	RACE 8 (4 P.M.)
Burford	Distant View
Eve of Harvest	Nomine Poenae
Confusion Bay	A Happy Time
RACE 3 (12.30 P.M.)	RACE 9 (4.30 P.M.)
Vls Major	A Surprising Time
Starlight	Bendemeer
King's Welcome	Royal Sovereign
RACE 4 (1 P.M.)	RACE 10 (5 P.M.)
Vitamin M	Mainsall
Never-Never	Twinkling Star
Jus Gentium	Strathalbyn
RACE 5 (1.30 P.M.)	RACE 11 (5.30 P.M.)
Hillsboro Bay	Port Wedding Eve
Galaxy	Portrush
Johnber	Sunlight View
RACE 6 (3 P.M.)	RACE 12 (6 P.M.)
Oolong	Vixen Tor
Velyetlight	Springhurst
Lovelylight	Many Thanks

DAILY DOUBLE

ENDEAVOUR AND A SURPRISING TIME.

Today's News Summary

IT IS REPORTED by the former British Minister to Rumania that there are 350,000 German troops in Rumania and 45,000 of them are concentrated on the Black Sea port of Constanza. Everything points to Bulgaria conniving with the Nazis.

SIX DIVISIONS OF Japanese troops are reported to be at a military base in Saigon and four more are ready for active service in Formosa.

BRITISH ADVANCE continues on all fronts in Africa and, in the capture of Kismayu, it is now revealed that many coastal and anti-aircraft guns were found intact. Greek planes have dropped leaflets informing the Italians of the latest British successes on all African fronts.

BRITISH PLANES FLEW to Poland on Sunday and dropped leaflets. Attacks were also carried out on enemy occupied territory while the R. A. F. continued its support of the land forces in the African campaign.

THE GERMANS ARE still dissatisfied with the Vichy attitude and are now saying that Admiral Darlan must go again to Paris to confer with M. Pierre Laval and the German Embassy. The situation has not changed since Darlan's last visit to Paris.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941.

Postponed to:—
First Day—Monday,
17th February
Second Day—Tuesday,
18th February
Third Day—Wednesday,
19th February
Fourth Day—Saturday,
22nd February
Fifth Day—Saturday,
1st March

The programme fixed for 15th February will be run off on Monday, 17th February, and the subsequent days' programmes in consecutive order.

On Monday, 17th, Tuesday, 18th, Wednesday, 19th, and Saturday, 22nd February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1-Box, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. FROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.



In the World of Sports



O-LAN BREAKS LIBERTY BAY'S 1933 RECORD ON OPENING DAY OF RACING CARNIVAL: SPLENDID RIDING BY NEEDA

Newborn Star Pays Biggest Dividend: Three Spills: Derby Favourite Beaten

THE ATTENDANCE AT THE OPENING DAY OF THE ANNUAL RACING CARNIVAL, HELD BY THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB, YESTERDAY WAS SMALLER THAN USUAL DUE, NO DOUBT, TO THE THREATENING WEATHER. The rain, however, held off and those who attended were treated to some exceedingly keen racing.

The track was on the heavy side with the result that times were, on the whole, slower.

In the opening event, T. K. L.'s O-LAN, ably handled by MR. V. V. NEEDA, came up at the last quarter with a terrific burst of speed to smash the record for the one-and-three-quarter mile, established by LIBERTY BAY in 1933, by six and three-fifths seconds.

Mr. Needa caused another sensation when, in the Maiden Stakes, he piloted T. K. L.'s OOLONG to the winning post three lengths ahead of Mr. Moller's crack nomination, LOVELY LIGHT, which started a red-hot favourite.

It was, however, left to MR. D. H. S. CRAVEN to pay the highest win and place dividends of the day.

When he rode NEWBORN STAR to a third position in the Sydney Maiden Stakes (first section), each of the 15 place tickets received \$102.60; while the 250 winning tickets on AMULET STAR, in the second section of the Sydney Maiden Stakes, received \$84.60.

Three accidents marred the afternoon's racing. Just after the start of the Coral Handicap, JUNGLE PRINCESS slipped near the Paddock, pinning her rider, D. C. WOQ, under. The pony was badly injured and had to be destroyed. Mr. Woo, was also severely hurt and, up to 7 p.m. last night, was still unconscious.

The second accident occurred during the Austral Trial Plate when NOMINE POENAE, which was then leading by at least three lengths, threw its rider, MR. L. B. CHAO, when the 1-mile post. Mr. Chao, who was then riding near the rails rolled clear of the oncoming horses, and received nothing worse than a shaking-up.

In the last race of the day, the Australian Valley Stakes which, incidentally, attracted the biggest field (24 starters), S. W. TANG was unseated by THE KOALA BEAR but escaped unhurt.

The Daily Double returned \$81.70 to the 114 tickets on the SAFPER-NATIONAL WELFARE combination.

1—Challenge Cup (One and Three Quarter Miles)

Mr. T. K. L.'s O-Lan, 149 lbs (Mr. V. V. Needa) 1

Mr. Eve's Eve of Harvest, 149 lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 2

Mr. Quartermaster's Burford, 152 lbs. (Mr. S. W. Tang) 3

Fourth pony was Navylight.

Won by two lengths, short head

Time: 3.26.1 (Record)

Parl Mutuel:

Winner: \$31.70

Places: \$10.10, \$20.80, \$8.90

Also ran—Confusion Bay—152 lbs. (H. C. Fih); Happy Eve—149 lbs. (R. M. Wood); Navylight 152 (P. Noodt).

6 Starters

Betting

Burford 717 287

Confusion Bay 1110 780

Eve of Harvest 119 72

Happy Eve 14 17

Navylight 100 53

O-Lan 333 221

2383 1430

2—Sydney Maiden Stakes (1st Section) (Six Furlongs)

Mr. Necan's United Express, 153 lbs. (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) 1

Mr. S. K.'s Fresh Air, 149 lbs. (Mr. D. C. Woo) 2

Mr. C. N. K.'s Newborn Star, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. H. S. Craven) 3

CASH SWEEPS

RACE ONE

No. 201 \$1,932.70
" 1402 552.20
" 3071 276.10

Tickets Nos. 4082, 2792, 495, get \$50 each

RACE TWO

No. 1704 \$1,661.80
" 526 474.80
" 3859 237.40

Tickets Nos. 1721, 3952, 1915, 3015, 1768, 2758, 3028, 2825, 2889, 1595, 2621, 182, 2733, 40, 2745, get \$50 each

RACE THREE

No. 1993 \$2,006.20
" 1026 573.20
" 2180 286.60

Tickets Nos. 1231, 1533, 1872, 697, 1377, 1052, 3248, 3569, get \$50 each

RACE FOUR

No. 948 \$1,825.60
" 1194 521.60
" 4710 260.80

Tickets Nos. 4424, 676, 545, 650, 1045, 53, 4548, 2070, 4608, 2341, 3318, 2172, 3380, 2747, 4092, 3185, get \$50 each

RACE FIVE

No. 3433 \$2,135.00
" 1640 610.00
" 1652 305.00

Tickets Nos. 2272, 1688, 4404, 2630, 1030, 1448, 3798, 4713, 780, 4584, get \$50 each

RACE SIX

No. 1224 \$2,602.60
" 4964 743.60
" 882 371.80

Tickets Nos. 1485, 4169, 343, 3344, 1561, 1822, 4062, 5571 get \$50 each

RACE SEVEN

No. 5421 \$2,821.70
" 4934 806.20
" 5731 403.10

Tickets Nos. 5043, 5531, 6002, 1740, 1348, 1855 get \$50 each

RACE EIGHT

No. 6197 \$2,991.10
" 2381 854.60
" 5892 427.30

Tickets Nos. 1354, 1792, 1090, 3653, get \$50 each

RACE NINE

No. 3022 \$2,690.80
" 3896 768.80
" 2098 384.40

Tickets Nos. 6152, 4206, 5789, 1598, 2669, 6087, 5079, 901, 2498, 4727, 2787, 3148, 5402, 4906 get \$50 each

RACE TEN

No. 237 \$3,098.10
" 4174 884.60
" 3565 442.30

Ticket No. 1369 gets \$50.

RACE ELEVEN

No. 4549 \$2,620.80
" 2691 748.80
" 1635 374.40

Tickets Nos. 5778, 363, 176, 2612, 1926, 1881, 5245, 2336, 1684, 516, 3662, 6139, 1648, 2240, 2266, 4637 get \$50 each

RACE TWELVE

No. 2943 \$2,545.20
" 381 727.20
" 3045 363.60

Tickets Nos. 5514, 215, 1859, 2112, 4575, 5707, 653, 3071, 8354, 257, 728, 825, 2082, 391, 2668, 1781, 3169, 5540, 3882, 6275, 3801 get \$50 each

Optima Fide was fourth.

Won by Five lengths, half-length between second and third

Time: 1.18.4

Parl Mutuel:

Winner: \$7.20

Places: \$6.00, \$9.00, \$102.60

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DERBY SWEEP FIRST PRIZE \$372,270

Up to the last race yesterday, the number of tickets sold on the SPECIAL DOLLAR SWEEP on the Roxy-Hill Derby was approximately 930,000.

The prizes then were:

FIRST \$372,270

SECOND \$105,640

THIRD \$52,820

Unplaced ponies, whether starters or not, \$2,096 each.

Tickets will be sold on the Course, up to noon tomorrow and the draw will take place at 1.30 p.m.

HOW OWNERS FARED

T. K. L. 1 2 3

Lan 1 2 3

Cire 1 2 3

P. and L. 1 2 3

Shields and Stantons 1 2 3

Weetoo 1 2 3

Yeung Bros. 1 2 3

C. W. K. 1 2 3

Mrs. A. E. Grasett 1 2 3

Id Po-chun 1 2 3

Necan 1 2 3

Eve 1 2 3

S. K. 1 2 3

Billy 1 2 3

C. H. 1 2 3

Eu Tong-see 1 2 3

Golf 1 2 3

Lee Bros. 1 2 3

Lee Chi-chok 1 2 3

Pearstar 1 2 3

Quartermaster 1 2 3

S. S. 1 2 3

G. Tinson 1 2 3

Toots 1 2 3

Vilaja 1 2 3

Mrs. Chuong Ho-yen 1 2 3

C. N. K. 1 2 3

Gredmaka 1 2 3

Manetta 1 2 3

Marbee 1 2 3

HOW JOCKEYS FARED

V. V. Needa 1 2 3 Un.

H. C. Fih 1 2 3

P. Y. T. Wei 1 2 3

W. H. S. Davis 1 2 3

H. J. Holden 1 2 3

C. B. Moller 1 2 3

D. H. S. Craven 1 2 3

Ip Kuei-ying 1 2 3

H. J. A. Hearne 1 2 3

S. C. Liang 1 2 3

B. L. Tao 1 2 3

L. B. Chao 1 2 3

W. G. Foy 1 2 3

F. Noodt 1 2 3

A. D. Coppin 1 2 3

D. C. Woo 1 2 3

M. M. Sokoloff 1 2 3

D. Black 1 2 3

S. W. Tang 1 2 3

T. W. Chattey 1 2 3

K. W. Fung 1 2 3

K. L. Ip 1 2 3

S. W. Lee 1 2 3

S. W. Tang 1 2 3

P. A. Sequiera 1 2 3

E. A. Proulx 1 2 3

Tang Man-wa 1 2 3

R. K. C. Chui 1 2 3

Ho Hong-ping 1 2 3

Yeung Wing-kwai 1 2 3

Hoo Pak-ming 1 2 3

R. M. Wood 1 2 3

P. P. Botelho 1 2 3

S. L. Sung 1 2 3

G. Treverton 1 2 3

H. S. Chang 1 2 3

S. L. Yuen 1 2 3

Handicap Weights For Foochow Cup

The Hongkong Jockey Club announces the following handicap weights:—

SECOND DAY

Foochow Cup

2nd Race, 1 1/4 Miles.—Burford 155 lbs., Clembur 147, Confusion Bay 156, Dupont Bay 152, Eve of Harvest 153, Eve of Heaven 156, Gay Star 135, Glossylight 152, Happy Eve 149, Mount Hope Bay 152, Navylight 153, O-Lan 159, Racylight 152, Spiclight 155, White Diamond 145.

Wakooi Handicap

12th Race, 1 Mile.—Ajax 140 lbs., Albury 140, A Roaring Time 139, Atlas 152, Busylight 147, Connieber 155, Contact 155, Criffel 159, Derby Day 140, Devonian 149, Fair Chance 152, Flying Dutchman 135, Franklin 145, Happy Landings 140, Income Tax 139, Many Thanks 159, Melody Star 149, Murrumbidgee 142, Piccadilly Jim 159, Princess Clara 149, Pumpnickel 149, Rivulet 144, Rowan 158, Sparrow 149, Springhurst 151, Sydney Lad 152, Tornado Star 151, Vixen Tor 147.

THIRD DAY

Kara Kara Handicap

9th Race, 6 Furlongs.—A Grand Time 148, Amicus Curiae 148, lbs., Ascot Day 140, Australian Diamond 137, Baffin Bay 145, Brown Derby 135, Busylight 135, Chiltern 135, Courting Eve 148, Criffel 135, Far View 159, Flying Dutchman 135, Happy Landings 135, Lancashire Chips 141, Lucky Lady 148, Many Thanks 135, Melody Star 135, Princess Clara 135, Rising Star 135, Rowan 135, Sapper Barred, Vanity Fair 135, Viceroy 147.

TSUI BROTHERS UNABLE TO GO TO MANILA

An invitation received by the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association from the Philippines Amateur Athletic Federation, through their local representative, Mr. L. R. Ideonso, inviting Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui to compete in the forthcoming Philippines Open Tennis Tournament has had to be refused by the local Association. The brothers were unable to make the trip and no other player could be found.

UMETANI TO ENTER

It is learned that O. Umetani, the Japanese player, intends to enter this year's Colony Tennis Championship organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club-Umetani is also seeking a partner for the Doubles.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

CHESS.—Colony Open Chess Championship Tournament, Carvalho v. Karpovich, Sequiera v. Coxhead, Zimmerman v. Weiss.

CRICKET.—Kowloon Cricket Club v Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps (Cox's Road) 2 p.m.

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 11.30 a.m. (Second Day).

TOMORROW

BADMINTON.—"B" Division Section A, J.R.C. v. Racrole; Chung Wah v. King's College; Section B, St. Andrew's v. St. John's; Kowloon Tong v. Police.

QUEEN'S THEATRE

HONGKONG DAILY AT 2.30-5.15-7.20-9.30 P.M. TEL 31453

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SCHUBERT RONDO IN A MAJOR BY TEMLIANKA & ORCHESTRA

Portuguese Programme

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dance Music by Maurice Winick and His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—A Star Fell Out of Heaven; Did I Remember? (film "Suzy").

Fox-Trots—Turn on the Old Music Box; When You Wish Upon A Star (both from "Pinocchio").

Bedtime Medley—Intro: It's time to say good-night; Let's put out the lights and go to sleep; Goodnight, I'll see you in the morning; Goodnight Sweetheart.

Slow Fox-Trot—The Sweetest Music this side of Heaven; Fox-Trots—Across the Great Divide; My Heart's In Old Killarney; Fox-Trot—Leave it to Love (from "Rise and Shine").

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Light—Ballet Egyptian.

Marck Weber and His Orchestra.

1.15 Popular Ballads.

Parted (Tosti); When I Come Back Home (Rizzi); Peter Dawson (Bass-Bar) with Piano acc. Coming Home (Wilnot-Willeby) — Essie Ackland (Contralto). At Dawning (Cadmian); Mifanwy (Forster) — Webster Booth (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Bugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Film Selections.

"The Girl of the Golden West" — Sun-Up to Sundown; Senorita — Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" — Selection: "Selling Along" — Selection — Patricia Rossborough (Piano). The Road to Singapore — Sweet Potato Piper; "Typhoon" — Palms of Paradise — Dorothy Lamour with Orch. This'll Make You Whistle — Selection — Louis Levy and His Gaumont British Symphony.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Weber.

Euryanthe—Overture—Willelme Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra. Ocean, Thou Mighty Monster (from "Oberon")—Elizabeth Ohms (Soprano) with Orchestra. Invitation to the Dance, Op. 65—Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Britain Speaks.

Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Schubert—Rondo in A Major.

Henri Temlianka (Violin) and the Temlianka Chamber Orchestra.

8.17 Alfred Cortot playing Two Chopin Ballads.

Ballade No. 3 in A Flat Major, Op. 47; Ballade No. 4 in F Minor, Op. 52.

8.23 Selections from Light Opera.

Les Cloches De Corneville — Overture (Planquette); La Fille De Madame Angot — Overture (Lecocq).

Vienna Symphony Orchestra. The Land of Smiles—Selection (Lehar) — London Theatre Orchestra cond. by Ernest Irving. Chu Chin Chow Selection (Noton) — Gaumont British Orch. cond. by Louis Levy.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Variety with Frances Day, William McCulloch and The Hill Billies.

Vocal—Cross-Eyed Sue; Daddy's Old Guitar—The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accom. Vocal—Whispers in the Dark (film "Artists and Models") — Frances Day. Humorous Monologue — Peter at the Pictures (Bell)—William McCulloch. Vocal—I Will Pray (Beverly Nichols) — Frances Day with Orch. Vocal—Wandering Shoes — The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty accom. Vocal—Music, Maestro, Please (from "These Foolish Things")—Frances Day with Orchestra. Humorous Monologue—Mrs. Montgomerie's Wee Shop—William McCulloch.

10.00 London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad."

10.15 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—They Can't Black Out The Moon; Waltz—Roses are Blooming in Loveland—New Mayfair Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Back to Back (from "Second Fiddle"); The Lamp Is Low—Jimmy Dorsey and His Orchestra. Tangos — Frangrant Flowers; Love Bells—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orch. Quickstep—Tain't what you do; Slow Fox-Trot—East side of Heaven (from the film)—Maxwell Stewart's. Ballroom Melody. Swing Fox-Trots—That Da Da Strain; Someday, Sweetheart—Muggsy Spanier and His Ragtime Band. Fox-Trot—You've Done Something to My Heart; Slow Fox-Trot—The Drift (both from "Lights Up")—Jack Hytlen and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Let's Make Memories tonight (from "All Clear"); Waltz—Lonely Sweetheart—New Mayfair Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Goodnight, Children. Everywhere—Jack Hytlen and His Orchestra.

11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary

Full Bulletin 4.00 p.m.

Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.

Transmission V—News Summary

Full Bulletin 6.45 p.m.

Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.

do. 9.00 p.m.

do. 12.00 mid.

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Trans. II & III—News Summary

Full Bulletin 7.30 a.m.

Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.

18—Tides: High 2 a.m. and 4.16 p.m. Low 12.24 a.m. and 8.57 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 6.21 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Third Day, 11.30 a.m.

Banks Close, 12 noon.

H.K. Rotary Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

H.K. University: Education Society, General Meeting—Speaker: Prof. R. C. Robertson, on "Some Travels and Adventures in the S.W. Provinces of China," 8.15 p.m.

Helena May Inst., Lecture by Prof. Gordon King on "China and Modern Obstetrics," open to all members and friends of the H.K. Nurses and Midwives Assn., 5.30 p.m.

War-time Intercession Service, St. Andrew's, 6 p.m.

Cheero Club Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

Prayer and Fellowship Mtg., S. & S. Home, 8.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 3.25 a.m. and 3.2 p.m. Low 8.03 a.m. and 10.47 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 6.22 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Fourth Day, 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Lecture: Mr. R. A. Hill on "Colour on Textiles," Room K, H.K. University, 8.30 p.m.

20—Tides: High 5.07 a.m. and 4.37 p.m. Low 8.55 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 6.22 p.m.

Launching of M. V. Hin Sang, Kowloon Dock, 6 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Movie Evening, 9 p.m.

21—Tides: High 6.54 a.m. and 5.47 p.m. Low 12.18 a.m. and 10.21 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 6.23 p.m.

H.K. University: Lecture by Prof. P. B. Wilkinson on "Coronary Syndromes," under auspices of the University Medical Society, 8.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

H.K. Chamber Music Club Concert, University Great Hall, 9.15 p.m.

Exhibition: Basketball, Chinese Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

22—Tides: High 8.06 a.m. and 6.53 p.m. Low 1.20 a.m. and 11.52 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 6.23 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's Annual Meeting, Final Day, 2 p.m.

23—Tides: High 8.58 a.m. and 7.48 p.m. Low 2.05 a.m. and 12.56 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 6.24 p.m.

Junior Golf Championship—Final, Fanling Hunt Point-To-Point Meet, 3 p.m.

24—Tides: High 9.25 a.m. and 8.37 p.m. Low 2.42 a.m. and 1.47 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.49 a.m.; Sunset: 6.24 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

25—Tides: High 9.57 a.m. and 9.20 p.m. Low 3.16 a.m. and 2.32 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.48 a.m.; Sunset: 6.25 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club, 10th Anniversary Dinner, H.K. Hotel, 8.15 p.m.

Modern Books Said Growing Increasingly Journalistic In Character

New York—For some time all those whose business it is to keep their fingers on the pulse of literary activity have been aware that book publishing has been growing increasingly journalistic in character. More and more in recent years the book has been invading the field of the newspaper and the magazine, writes J.D.A.

That is one of the things that is the matter with our literature, as it is also one of the things that is the matter with the book business.

Books have been attempting a function that the newspaper and the magazine are better able to perform.

In this period of rushing change the book which tries to be timely runs a losing race with the clock. When nothing, in the old phrase, is as dead as yesterday's newspaper, how in the names of Charles A. Dana and Horace Greeley could books be expected to keep pace with the news that comes winging over the cable and the radio?

The risks were bad enough when the flow of events was slower; now when they race past us like a speeded film, the thing is utterly impossible. The man whose book deals with current events cannot know what's waiting round the corner of his next chapter. The "timely" book has become the publisher's greatest risk.

FEWER AND FEWER

We shall soon, I think, see fewer and fewer books of this kind. That will be a good thing for the publisher and the bookseller, and it will be a very good thing indeed for literature.

Literature's concern is, or should be, with the permanent things of this world. It may make use of what is transient to point them out and bring them home to us; but no writer whose work endures ever wrote with his eyes fixed on the headlines or their equivalent.

And we are, in any case, a nation of newspaper and magazine readers. If we spent half as much time reading books as we do reading dailies, weeklies and monthlies, the publishers and the booksellers would have nothing to worry about.

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The construction of the largest bridge in Europe is nearing completion in Bohemia.

It is 510 metres long and 53 metres high.

It has one wide span of 150 metres and six small spans, three at either end.

The width of the bridge available for traffic is eight and one-half metres.

For the construction of the bridge 600 wagon-loads of concrete and 100 wagon-loads of steel and other building material were used.

The cost of the structure is about 1,000,000 Reichsmarks.

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ITALIAN 11TH ARMY ROUTED ON ALBANIAN FRONT

Vital Positions Captured After Bloody Fighting

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Greek troops completely routed the Italian 11th Army on the 30-mile wide Moskopoli-Tepelini sector of the Albanian front during Saturday, according to reports received yesterday by Reuter's special correspondent on the Albanian frontier. Two thousand prisoners are reported to have been taken together with large quantities of war material including arms and light artillery.

The reports state that R.A.F. and Greek air force greatly contributed to the success of the operations. The daring and skill of the British and Greek airmen created the greatest enthusiasm among the Greek land forces.

The Greeks claim to have made another big drive in the gorges of the Prelesinje Mountains thus creating a deep wedge in the Italian front between Klissura and Tepelini in the centre of the battlefield.

Greek pursuit of the enemy continues.

ARTILLERY DUEL

A duel with occasional artillery fire is reported from the extreme northern sector of the front where extensive Italian troop movements have been noted probably in order to relieve these frontline detachments with fresh troops in preparation for attempts to stiffen the resistance.

GREEK COMMUNIQUE

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—"The Greek offensive in Albania is proceeding according to the plans of the Greek High Command, and news from the front is good," stated the Athens radio last night.

The announcer continued: "Success has crowned the offensive action of the Greek Army at all points of the front where it was undertaken. More fortified positions were captured as the result of spirited attacks by our troops and all objectives were attained. "One of the fortified positions

wrested from the enemy was of such vital importance that the Italian High Command ordered a desperate counter-attack to recapture it. A large Italian force was thrown into this action, but in vain. The result was a disaster for the Italians who sustained very heavy losses in killed and wounded, including many officers.

ITALIANS DECIMATED

"A further Greek advance was made for a considerable distance into enemy territory. Some Italian detachments participating in this counter-attack lost four-fifths of their effectives.

"The Italians, becoming desperate because of the new Greek offensive, are vainly struggling to stem the rising tide of destruction. At one point, they tried to break through the Greek lines in darkness but the withering fire of the Greeks forced the Italians to retreat after terrible losses."

R.A.F. ACTIVITY

ATHENS, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Further heavy raids on enemy positions in the area to the north of Klissura were made by R.A.F. bombers on Saturday in spite of unfavourable weather.

Military camps, supply dumps and gun emplacements were effectively bombed.

GENOA CASUALTIES

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Italian casualties in the British bombardment on Genoa on Feb. 9, according to the official Italian news agency, totalled 144 killed and 272 injured.

AID BRITAIN BILL

PRESIDENT TO ASK FOR ONE BILLION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Administrative leaders hint that President Roosevelt will probably request \$1,000,000,000 in appropriations and contract authority to build planes, ships, tanks, guns and munitions immediately for the Aid Britain Bill is approved.

It is predicted that the Senate, which begins to debate the Bill today, will approve the measure with some amendments.

Within a fortnight a comfortable majority of votes in its favour is expected.

BRITISH MISSION FETED IN VENEZUELA

CARACASES (Venezuela), Feb. 17 (Reuter)—The British Mission which has been visiting Latin America under the leadership of Lord Willington, concluded its 5-day visit to Venezuela during which its members were guests of the Government.

They were lavishly entertained by many friends of Britain's cause besides having a series of conferences with Government officials and leaders of commerce and economic life.

The Mission expressed satisfaction with the results achieved and the universal sympathy it had encountered for the cause of the Allies.

SINGAPORE STRAITS ENTRANCE MINED

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announces the mining of the sea covering the eastern entrance of the Straits of Singapore.

Vessels wishing to pass through the area must apply to the British naval authority for a route.

The area affected is bounded on the north by Lat. 2 deg. 44 mins. north; on the east, by Long. 104 deg. 30 mins. east; on the south, by Lat. 1 deg. 35 mins. north; on the west, by the coast of Malaya.

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—A bulletin issued in Rome yesterday evening states that ex-King Alfonso's conditions has not worsened during the past 24 hours and that he has passed a fairly quiet day.

China To Push Glider Movement

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central)—A factory will be set up for the mass production of gliders, announced Mr. Gunson Hoh, inspector of physical education of the Ministry of Education, at a discussion meeting summoned by the Chinese People's Foreign Relations Association in Chungking on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Hoh also revealed that a gliding training class has been opened at an undisclosed place. Among the students are four girls. After their graduation in July this year, the students will help to push the gliders movement.

SINO COUNCILLORS FOR S.M.C.

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central)—The Shanghai Municipal Council has approved the election of the five Chinese councillors for 1941 as notified by the Chinese Ratepayers Association on February 14, according to a Shanghai dispatch. They are Messrs. Yu Ya-ching, L.T. Yuan, Yulin Hsi, and W. Gockson who were re-elected and Mr. Tec Chen, replacing Mr. Eugene Y.B. Klang, who recently resigned after assuming the Presidency of the Nantun University.

S.A.A.F. DESTROY ITALIAN BRIDGE

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Activities of the South African Air Force during the week-end included the bombing of a pontoon bridge between Goben, in Italian Somaliland, and Jumbo, hitting several pontoons and causing part of the bridge to sink.

Wire entanglements were also bombed and a blockhouse was destroyed.

FLOOD THREAT TO HUNGARY

VICHY, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Large masses of ice in the Danube below Budapest caused an extremely critical situation in certain districts where the water is already on level with the top of the protective dykes, says a Budapest despatch.

Hungarian troops with 10,000 sandbags are striving to stem the threatened floods and preparing to blow up the ice with dynamite.

R.A.F. HAS ITS OWN NAVY

LITTLE SHIPS SAIL THE SEAS TO KEEP PLANES IN SKIES

Anywhere along Britain's four thousand miles of coast-line you may see the little ships of the R.A.F.'s own navy. This is a sea-going force designed to co-operate with the Air Force and its primary purpose is to service flyingboats and float-planes (seaplanes). Its second purpose is to save life. But it does a multitude of other jobs equally well.

This R.A.F. Navy consists of high speed launches, pinnaces, seaplane tenders, flying-boat refuellers, bomb scows, trawler and drifter auxiliaries, armoured target motor-boats, mooring boats, fast dinghies and hundreds of other swift-moving craft. It even has its own floating dock.

VARIED ARMADA

Of this varied armada the high speed launches provide the high spots of hazardous rescue adventure. They are the lifeboats of the R.A.F., except that they travel four times as fast as ordinary lifeboats and bristle with defensive armament.

Little boats sixty-four feet long with three aero-engines of 300 h.p. each, they streak along at a top speed of 40 knots, or cruise at 32; and, with a range of over 500 miles, can go "all out" for twelve hours without refuelling, or eighteen if cruising.

They carry a crew of ten; under a Master who holds the Board of Trade Master's ticket and usually ranks as a Flying Officer. His men consist of two first-class coxswains, three deck hands, two engineers, and two wireless operators. All wear R.A.F. uniforms.

Their boat flies the Air Force ensign—red, white and blue rings on a blue flag—and is armed with two machine-guns not only for use against hostile bombers, but sometimes against crews of enemy flying boats, or float-planes, who continue the fight after they have come down.

MISSIONS OF MERCY

People wonder why the launches, sometimes in perilous weather conditions and at the risk of their own lives, should worry about rescuing hostile airmen.

There are two reasons, according to Air Chief Marshal, Sir Frederick Bowhill—the dynamic little man with red hair and bristling eyebrows who is Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Coastal Command.

One is a tradition of chivalry which belongs to air-fighting as it does to the sea itself.

The launches were fast enough to make the journey to and from the Kent shore and Dunkirk almost every hour. One, after picking up B.E.F. evacuees, found a bombed French boat drifting and containing wounded men on stretchers down below. Then it rescued French soldiers and marines from rowing boats and rafts. Took the whole lot in tow, men and craft, and landed them at Ramsgate. Another launch was the very last vessel to leave Dunkirk.

The R.A.F.'s flying boat refuellers are used for refuelling flying boats immediately they return from patrol so that they are ever at the ready.

The bomb scows—flat bottomed steel shells—have bombs hoist from them into the flying-boats' bomb room. After the take-off, the bombs are transported along a miniature overhead railway into the wing.

ARMOURD TARGET BOATS—The armoured target motor-boats, protected by three and a half tons of armour, with their crash-helmeted crews of three, race at 20 knots over target practice areas and are bombed by aircraft with small but real bombs.

There are still, to complete this extraordinary Air-Navy, the steam-driven trawler and drifter auxiliaries which retrieve torpedoes from aircraft practising far out at sea, the mooring boats which have an immense job going round the coasts maintaining mooring sites for flying-boats and other craft, and the fast dinghies which provide communication between shore and aircraft at every flying-boat station.

So when you read of Coastal Command's flying patrols that guard 4,000 miles of Britain's

WESTERN RUHR, CALAIS, ROTTERDAM BOMBED

Oil Installations Targets Of Attack: Fires Started

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Objectives in Western Ruhr were the main targets of a considerable attack by British bombers on Saturday night, says an Air Ministry communique. The targets included oil installations, inland port and aerodromes.

A large number of high explosive bombs were seen to explode in the target areas causing many large fires.

Port Rotterdam was also attacked, and bombs were seen to burst in the dock area.

Other bombers carried out a successful sustained routine attack on the docks of Boulogne and many large fires were started. From all these operations, two British aircraft were missing.

Coastal Command aircraft also raided the docks of Calais during the night without loss. From other operations of the Coastal Command on Saturday, three British aircraft were missing.

COMPARATIVE LOSSES

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—During the week ending midnight on February 15, twelve German and three British aircraft were destroyed over Britain.

MILITARY TRIUMVIRATE FOR VICHY

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—It is reported from Vichy that the new government reorganisation will place virtually all state powers in the hands of a military triumvirate comprising Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan and General Huntziger.

CABINET MEETING

VICHY, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—The French Cabinet met yesterday afternoon under Marshal Petain. It discussed questions concerning the production of raw material and unemployment and family life, it was stated.

NEW FRENCH PARTY

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Eugene Deloncle who was the leader of the notorious Cagoulards in 1937, is now head of the new Nazi-inspired French Party, Rassemblement National Populaire, says a message to the Independent French news agency.

Deloncle was the first man to be arrested when the Fascist rising by the Cagoulards was nipped in the bud three years ago. He was charged with storing German and Italian arms in readiness for an attempt at insurrection against the Popular Front Government then in power.

Lone Raiders Over Britain

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—There has been some activity over this country yesterday by single enemy aircraft, says an Air Ministry communique.

British fighters shot down an enemy bomber into the sea off the south coast yesterday morning.

Bombs have been dropped at three points in the London area and in some places in Eastern and South-eastern England and the Home Counties.

LISBON SWEEP BY HURRICANE

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—The British flyingboat "Glyde" was sunk in the river Tagus at Lisbon on Saturday during a hurricane which swept the Portuguese capital, it is learned here. The "Glyde" was recently employed in the West African service of the British Airways.

"CHAUMOUNT" FOR SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Feb. 17 (Central)—The American Navy transport Chaumont is scheduled to sail from Chinwangtao to Shanghai within this week to take 104 men of the U.S. Fourth Marines in Shanghai back to America, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

coast-lines, that keep watch from Iceland to Gibraltar, that bomb the enemy relentlessly at sea and on his coasts, remember also the little boats that help to make all this possible—the R.A.F.'s own Navy!



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MEET, FEB. 23

The second point-to-point of the season will be held at Fanling at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23.

The start will be from near the Kwant Racecourse and the first flag will be about 3/4 mile (three-quarters of a mile) up the Shau-tankok Road near Hill 27. This flag is to be kept on the left and the course from thence runs to the left of Lichee Farm. The second flag will be at the open expanse at the end of the gallops and this must also be kept on the left, after which riders will turn homewards for the finish at Kitten Hill.

For the convenience of competitors who wish to walk or ride the course, flags will be up on Friday and will be left there until after the race.

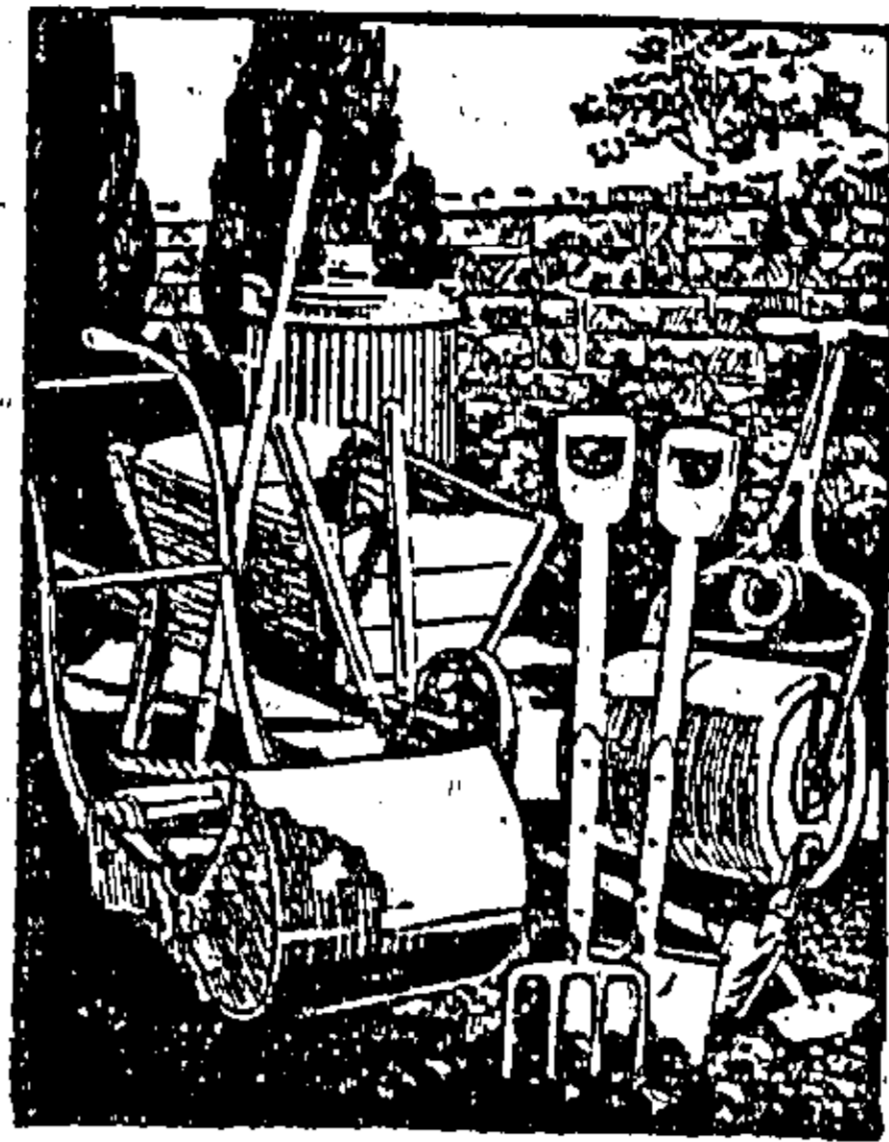
TWO CLASSES

Entries will be divided into two classes, Australian ponies and China ponies and there will be first, second and third prizes in each class. The Australian entries will be allowed away first, to be followed by the China ponies, each class to be judged separately.

No colours are required, as competitors will be supplied with arm-bands before hand. The wearing of hard hats is essential.

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FUNERAL OF
MOTHER
M. MOTTA

The funeral took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday morning of the late Mother Mary Motta, who died after a long illness at St. Francis Hospital on Sunday. Mother Motta was 38 years of age.

Bishops H. Valtorta officiated, assisted by Rev. Fathers E. Bruzone, G. M. Spada, E. Teruzzi, N. Maestri, A. Granelli, C. Orlando, A. Grampa, J. Zillioli, H. de Angellis and J. Guarona.

MUCH LOVED

The late Mother Motta was a Canossian Sister of Charity and had been in the Colony for 10 years, she was very much loved by her pupils. The funeral was attended by a large gathering of friends and many students.

Present also were nearly the whole community of the Canossian Institute, French Sisters, Carmelite Sisters, Precious Blood Sisters, Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Members of the Catholic Association, Pupils of St. Mary's School and Sacred Heart School and many others.

Wreaths were sent by Pupils of St. Mary's School and the Sacred Heart School, members of the Catholic Association and many others.

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$935,385.90.

A. M. Kennedy (monthly) \$30, D. G. Day (monthly) 15, A. H. Guinness (monthly) 20, L. E. N. Ryan (monthly) 100, Quarry Bay Work Party 18, Craigengower C.C. 2nd Donation 70, Sale of 10 C.C. S.S. Badges per Lady MacGregor 10, D. E. Clark (monthly) 50, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Horden (monthly) 10, The H.K.F.A. being half share of the Charity Match played 1.1.41 949.10, Proceeds of Dance held at the Peninsula Hotel 31.1.41 11,949.78, R. Hancock (monthly) 25.

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Also ran: Angel of Peace 149 lbs. (R. K. C. Chui); Anzac Day 149 (S. W. Tang); Baggage Master 152 (B. L. Tao); Bendigo 152 (L. B. Chao); Casino 149 (Tang Man Wa); Dashing Beauty 152 (R. M. Wood); Daylight 152 (C. B. Moller); Dignitas 150 (T. W. Chattey); Jungle Love 154 (S. C. Liang); Maple Leaf 149 (F. Noodt); National Blessings 152 (Yeung Wing Kwai); Optima Fide 152 (M. M. Sokoloff); Royal Sovereign 152 (B. A. Proulx); Seal River 149 (D. Black); Sydney Diamond 152 (H. S. Chang).

18 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
Angel of Peace	2 2
Anzac Day	22 35
Baggage Master	10 33
Bendigo	46 64
Casino	9 13
Dashing Beauty	8 11
Daylight	27 75
Dignitas	4 15
Fresh Air	296 365
Jungle Love	5 26
Maple Leaf	11 22
National Blessings	3 4
New-born Star	6 15
Optima Fide	26 55
Royal Sovereign	265 430
Seal River	210 230
Sydney Diamond	206 230
United Express	1819 1482
Total	2975 3107

3—Austral Valley Stakes (One Mile)

Mr. Li Po Chuen's Happy Time 152 lbs. (Mr. H. J. Holden) 1
Mr. Eu Tong Sen's Fleetwing 152 lbs. (Mr. W. G. Poy) 2
Mr. Gredmak's Colocoma 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 3
Mountain View was fourth.
Won by five lengths, short head between second and third.
Time: 1.51.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$13.70.
Places: \$6.50, \$9.30, \$6.80.
Also ran: Graceful View 152 lbs. (H. C. Pih); Hascossay 152 (W. H. S. Davis); Iron Belle 152 (P. Y. T. Wei); Man-O-War 152 (B. L. Tao); Mountain View 152 (P. P. Botelho); Odin 152 (S. L. Yuen); Oracle 149 (V. V. Needa); Ratio Decidendi 152 (M. M. Sokoloff).

11 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
A Happy Time	1105 1022
Colocoma	759 878
Fleetwing	415 364
Graceful View	65 89
Hascossay	82 174
Iron Belle	49 87
Man-O-War	75 105
Mountain View	26 42
Odin	5 22
Oracle	694 609
Ratio Decidendi	167 241
Total	3432 3633

4—Sydney Maiden Stakes (2nd Section) (Six Furlongs)

Mr. C. W. K.'s Amulet Star, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. H. S. Craven) 1
Mr. C. H.'s Black Seal, 152 lbs. (Mr. L. B. Chao) 2
Mr. Toot's A Surprising Time, 152 lbs. (Mr. H. J. Holden) 3
Bugle was fourth.
Won by a neck, short head between second and third.
Time: 1.19.4.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$84.60.
Places: \$11.90, \$8.30, \$7.80.
Also ran: Bugle 149 lbs. (P. Y. T. Wei); Chateaugay 152 (Ho Hong Ping); Crack Shot 148 (Hoo Pak Ming); Friday 149 (B. L. Tao); Joan 152 (S. L. Sung); Lex Fori 152 (M. M. Sokoloff); Luxury 152 (H. S. Chang); Ophir 152 (D. C. Woo); Princess Adelaide 152 (B. A. Proulx); Reindeer 152 (Tang Man Wa); Santa-Anita 152 (D. Black); Senorita 149 (A. D. Coppin); Sports Lady 149 (R. M. Wood); Sallow 152 (S. L. Yuen); Tobaccoship 149 (P. P. Botelho); Vigor 152 (G. Treverton).

19 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
Amulet Star	250 319
A Surprising Time	873 794
Black Seal	2230 1898
Bugle	47 73
Chateaugay	5 12
Crack Shot	4 13
Friday	34 55
Joan	10 26
Lex Fori	21 52
Luxury	9 15
Ophir	9 27
Princess Adelaide	20 84
Reindeer	9 8
Santa-Anita	1249 1458
Senorita	5 14
Sports Lady	4 5
Sallow	6 12
Tobaccoship	10 36
Vigor	13 13
Total	4798 4694

5—Maiden Stakes (Six Furlongs)

Mr. T. K. L.'s Oolong, 152 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 1
Mr. C're's Lovelylight, 152 lbs. (Mr. F. Noodt) 2
Mr. Marber's Palber, 152 lbs. (Mr. L. B. Chao) 3
Wonderful Scheme was fourth.
Won by three lengths, four lengths between second and third.
Time: 1.23.3.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$24.00.
Places: \$5.70, \$5.30, \$5.80.

Also ran: Forty Six 152 lbs. (Ho Hong Ping); Iron Beauty 152 (P. Y. T. Wei); Lovely View 152 (H. C. Pih); Mauber 152 (Hoo Pak Ming); National Integrity 152 (Yeung Wing Kwai); National Resistance 149 (B. L. Tao); Night Express 152 (Ip Kui Ying); Odeon (late Alexandria Bay) 152 (S. L. Yuen); Sam's Choice 149 (W. G. Poy); Wonderful Scheme 152 (D. H. S. Craven).

13 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
Forty Six	10 17
Iron Beauty	246 334
Lovelylight	2163 1589
Lovely View	90 115
Mauber	6 10
National Integrity	11 10
National Resistance	30 52
Night Express	20 35
Odeon	20 13
Oolong	720 684
Palber	571 598
Sam's Choice	14 37
Wonderful Scheme	26 78
Total	3927 3572

6—Austral Maiden Stakes (Six Furlongs)

Mr. Lan's Distant View, 152 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 1
Lee Bros' Vis Major, 152 lbs. (Mr. M. M. Sokoloff) 2
Mr. C're's Starlight, 152 lbs. (Mr. C. B. Moller) 3
King's Welcome was fourth.
Won by 3 lengths, 5 lengths between second and third.
Time: 1.18.2.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$7.80.
Places: \$5.90, \$9.80, \$13.10.

Also ran: A Luxurious Time, 152 lbs. (S. L. Sung); Canberra, 149 (D. Black); Gloaming, 152 (W. G. Poy); King's Welcome, 149 (V. V. Needa); Misty View, 152 (P. P. Botelho); National Reform, 152 lbs. (B. L. Tao); Ozark, 149 (S. L. Yuen); Tropical Love, 153 (S. C. Liang).

11 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
A Luxurious Time	24 35
Canberra	314 375
Distant View	2,525 1,922
Gloaming	196 213
King's Welcome	693 713
Misty View	25 51
National Reform	63 105
Ozark	10 16
Starlight	184 226
Tropical Love	40 73
Vis Major	385 385
Total	4,459 4,114

7—Coral Handicap (1 Mile)

Mrs. A. E. Grasset's Sapper, 159 lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 1
Mr. Lan's Far View, 158 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2
Mr. Villaja's Viceroy, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 3
Australian Diamond was fourth.
Won by 5 lengths, 24 lengths between second and third.
Time: 1.46.2.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$8.10.
Places: \$5.50, \$6.20, \$6.50.

Also ran: Australian Diamond, 144 lbs. (H. S. Chang); Baffin Bay, 150 (V. V. Needa); Brown Derby, 135 (G. Treverton); Chiltern, 135 (S. L. Yuen); Jungle Princess, 149 (D. C. Woo); Lancashire Chips, 148 (L. B. Chao).

9 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
Australian Diamond	28 55
Baffin Bay	283 308
Brown Derby	70 112
Chiltern	22 23
Far View	1,036 727
Jungle Princess	19 34
Lancashire Chips	175 470
Sapper	2,508 1,822
Viceroy	475 574
Total	4,614 4,125

8—Austral Trial Plate (14 Miles)

Mr. P. & L.'s First Love, 152 lbs. (Mr. S. C. Liang) 1
Mr. Lan's Prairie View, 152 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2
Mr. Pearstar's Marsh Warbler, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 3
The Nineteenth Hole was 4th.
Won by 3 lengths, a short head between second and third.
Time: 2.19.4.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$32.60.
Places: \$7.10, \$6.80, \$5.70.

Also ran: Gay Fox, 152 lbs. (W. H. S. Davis); Nomine Poenoe, 152

(L. B. Chao); The Nineteenth Hole, 152 (H. J. A. Hearne); Vanguard, 152 (P. Y. T. Wei).

7 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
First Love	826 799
Gay Fox	136 215
Marsh Warbler	3,348 2,591
Nomine Poenoe	935 853
Prairie View	327 477
The 19th Hole	410 433
Vanguard	126 191
Total	6,106 5,559

9—Sydney Maiden Stakes (Third Section) (Six Furlongs)

Messrs. Yeung Bros' National Welfare, 152 lbs. (Mr. B. L. Tao) 1
Mr. Lee Chi Choh's Happy Returns, 149 lbs. (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) 2
Mr. S.S.'s Vitamin M, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 3
Bendemeer was fourth.
Won by a head, a head between second and third.
Time: 1.19.4.
Winner: \$51.90.
Places: \$11, \$24, \$6.30.

Also ran: A Just Time, 150 lbs. (S. L. Sung); Archber, 152 (L. B. Chao); Battle, 152 (H. S. Chang); Bendemeer, 152 (V. V. Needa); Bona Vacantia, 152 (M. M. Sokoloff); Corvette, 152 (G. Treverton); Dutch Treat, 152 (P. P. Botelho); Gold Rod, 153 (S. C. Liang); Leading Star, 152 (K. W. Fung); Lodestar, 149 (W. H. S. Davis); May, 152 (R. K. C. Chui); Tenth of November, 152 (Hoo Pak Ming); Trade Wind, 149 (S. W. Tang); Twinkling Star, 152 (D. H. S. Craven).

17 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
A Just Time	27 44
Archber	24 44
Battle	47 73
Bendemeer	1,027 1,057
Bona Vacantia	59 94
Corvette	25 31
Dutch Treat	229 274
Gold Rod	154 75
Happy Returns	100 146
Leading Star	14 25
Lodestar	164 215
May	9 13
National Welfare	437 473
Tenth of Nov.	5 16
Trade Wind	28 16
Twinkling Star	324 361
Vitamin M	2,446 2,280
Total	5,139 5,235

10—Trial Plate (14 Miles)

Mr. C're's Velvetlight, 152 lbs. (Mr. C. B. Moller) 1
Mr. Eve's Eve of Deception, 149 lbs. (Mr. A. D. Coppin) 2
Mr. Manetta's Raconteur, 152 lbs. (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) 3
Won by 3 lengths, many lengths between second and third.
Time: 2.41.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$9.
Places: \$7, \$22.

Also ran: World Fair View, 152 lbs. (H. C. Pih).

4 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
Eve of Deception	102 86
Raconteur	216 74
Velvetlight	1,481 568
World Fair View	1,224 519
Total	3,023 1,227

11—Bendigo Handicap, "B" Class

(From the 2 Mile Post Once Round and In (About 1 Mile 171 Yards))
Mr. Weeboc's Fair Chance, 149 lbs. (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei) 1
Mr. Billy's Springhurst, 143 lbs. (Mr. W. G. Poy) 2
Mr. G. Thinson's Vixen Tor, 143 lbs. (Mr. F. Noodt) 3
Many Thanks was fourth.
Won by a length and half, a short head between second and third.
Time: 1.59.1.
Parl-mutuel:—
Winner: \$17.90.
Places: \$9.40, \$12, \$12.90.

Also ran: A Roaring Time, 139 lbs. (S. L. Sung); Brutus, 138 (G. Treverton); Busylight, 150 (C. B. Moller); Contact, 158 (W. H. S. Davis); Devonian, 152 (M. M. Sokoloff); Flying Dutchman, 135 (S. L. Yuen); Franklin, 145 (V. V. Needa); Income Tax, 142 (H. S. Chang); Many Thanks, 159 (L. B. Chao); Melody Star, 152 (S. W. Tang); Murrumbidgee, 145 (D. Black); Piccadilly Jim, 154 (S. W. Tang); Rivulet, 149 (K. I. Ip); Rowan, 150 (H. J. A. Hearne); Tornado Star, 154 (D. H. S. Craven); Triumphant Day, 142 (B. L. Tao).

19 Starters

Betting	Win. Place.
A Roaring Time	22 35
Brutus	58 83
Busylight	123 139

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG

In the matter of the Estate of Captain GEORGE ALFRED EVANS late of S.S. "St. Vincent de Paul" Master Mariner, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Sec. 58 of the Probates Ordinance, 1897, made an order limiting the time to the 14th day of March, 1941, for creditors & others to send in claims against the above estate to the undersigned.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1941.

L. R. ANDREWES,
Official Administrator.

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A revised Tariff will be issued at an early date.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit & Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1941.

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th February, 1941.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 26th February, 1941, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday the 13th February to Wednesday the 26th February 1941 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 7th February, 1941.

Canada's Larder Well Stocked

Although Canada has been at war for more than a year, the nation's larder is well stocked with good things to eat, according to a recent survey of food in storage in the Dominion. Stocks of all products except cheese and eggs were reported to be higher in September, 1940, than the ten-year average for the month of September.

Wheat is the most important foodstuff held in large volume, and stocks of it in store were reported on September 20th, 1940, at 358,000,000 bushels compared with 255,000,000 bushels on the corresponding date in 1939. In addition to the supplies in store, there is a large part of the 1940 wheat crop remaining on farms.

BEEF AND PORK

Stocks of beef and pork in storage on September 1st, 1940, were also above those of the same date a year ago. The increase in beef was slight but in the case of pork there were 13,000,000 pounds more on hand than a year ago.

Normally stocks of butter, cheese and eggs are built up during the summer months of high production. This year the accumulation of supplies of cheese and eggs has been offset to some extent by heavy exports to the United Kingdom with the result that stocks on September 1st, 1940, were somewhat below the usual amounts at that time of year.

NOVEL METHOD OF HIJACKING

Garrison, N.Y.—The truck, loaded heavily with cigarettes, ground slowly up the grade.

A passenger car overtook it, ran alongside briefly, and then, apparently deciding not to pass, dropped back.

But in the moment beside the truck, a man had leaped from the running board of the auto. He landed on the truck, unseen by its driver. Swiftly his knife ripped the canvas cover. He began tossing out cartons. His accomplice in the passenger car stopped and picked them up. Then the first thief dropped off and joined his companion in the now loaded auto.

This method of hi-jacking was followed, according to state police, by W. C. Smith 28, of West Islip, Suffolk, and Harry Cassese, 28, of Beekman, N. Y. who have been held for action of the Putnam County Grand Jury on charges of grand larceny.

Lieut. H. A. Gay of Fishkill declared the pair had admitted thefts and said that information given by them had enabled police to recover \$1,000 worth of smokes looted from moving trucks.

Indicating that they are believed to have been widely active in robbing interstate trucks, Lieut. Gay said the pair are wanted also for questioning in Bay Shore, Suffolk; Monroe, N. Y., and Jersey City,

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A GOOD FRIEND IN SOUTH SEAS

A MESSAGE from Australia on Sunday which referred to the good friend which Britain and the United States have in China in the preparations now being made to safeguard the Pacific from further aggression, is eloquent testimony of the value which the Western Powers now place on the valiant stand which the Chinese people have made against the attempts by the Japanese to dominate the Orient. Australia and Singapore, which together form Britain's chief bulwarks of freedom in the Pacific, have now faced up to the furtive manner in which Japan is seeking to accomplish her ends and, at the same time, to please her Berlin master. It is in such a position that Australia and Singapore have become in a fair way dependent too on the assistance which China can render if the situation in the Pacific reaches the climax it is expected to do in the near future. China's democratic diplomats and statesmen in Chungking have already repeatedly affirmed their desire to do whatever is in their power to reinforce this resistance, even with the offer of her fighting forces. The democratic front in the Far East has thus increased in strength and determination.

THE UNITED STATES too has not failed to recognise the significance of Chinese resistance to Japan at this time. The recent appointment of Mr. Clarence E. Gauss, formerly U.S. Consul-General in Shanghai, to Chungking, indicates the lines on which the American programme of preparation for eventualities in the Pacific have been moving. Mr. Gauss has had a thorough training and broad experience in Far Eastern politics and the ability which he showed during critical times in Shanghai have fitted him for the important work of bringing about co-ordination of British, American and Chinese efforts for protecting the Pacific. Mr. Gauss goes to Chungking direct from Australia where he was U.S. Minister and his move to China shows the extent of the American realisation of the interdependence of any action which Britain, the United States and China might take in the future. This aspect is moreover emphasised even more strongly by the transfer of Mr. Nelson T. Johnson from China to Australia—a step which will facilitate the work of co-ordination between the three countries.

JAPANESE political commentators have seized on these reports and developments and speak of an impending military alliance between China and the Western Powers. It is a sign of real intelligence that the statesmen in Tokyo have so readily understood the trend of events in the Far East. Their conclusions are, perhaps, nearer the mark than they are prepared to recognise. It is evidence that Britain and her allies have no need to cloak their intentions under pseudo titles. Their resolve and aims are openly declared to the whole world and Japan has displayed unusual sagacity in recognising them. Britain and her allies, with the assistance of their growing number of supporters, are determined to preserve the rights and independence of the people of the world. Japan's intentions are, in conspiracy with her European partners, to wrest this liberty of thought and existence from these people in order to satisfy her own cravings for power. These intentions are being cunningly disguised under such flimsy arguments as attempts to establish "new orders" and "peaceful mediation."

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HEARTLESS FRAUD

WOMAN ROBBED OF LIFE SAVINGS

An actor who was stated to have robbed a woman of her life savings by posing as a producer of war propaganda films for the Government, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment at West London Police Court. He was Donald Stewart, 52, described as Paulton Square, Chelsea, who pleaded "Guilty" to four charges of obtaining sums amounting to £560 by false pretences from Mrs. Ethel Beatrice Redshaw, formerly proprietress of a hotel in the Isle of Wight.

BAD CASE

The Magistrate (Sir Gervais Rentoul) said: "This is as bad a case as I have ever had before me. This was a deliberately planned fraud of a heartless and callous kind. You played on the feelings of this lady, pretending to be in love with her, you gained her affections to find an easy way to her pocket, to rob her of all her money."

Mr. C. Melville, prosecuting, said that in less than three months Stewart obtained more than £700 from Mrs. Redshaw in a most deliberate and cold-blooded way. Stewart, who said he had nothing to say, was sentenced to three months on each of the four charges, the sentences to run consecutively.

Japanese troops in Tamshui have not withdrawn from the town. Small units manning outposts north of Tamshui have, however, been withdrawn to Tamshui.

Is evidence that Britain and her allies and their many friends have no need to cloak their intentions under pseudo titles. Their resolve and aims are openly declared to the whole world and Japan has displayed unusual sagacity in recognising them. Britain and her allies, with the assistance of their growing number of supporters, are determined to preserve the rights and independence of the people of the world. Japan's intentions are, in conspiracy with her European partners, to wrest this liberty of thought and existence from these people in order to satisfy her own cravings for power. These intentions are being cunningly disguised under such flimsy arguments as attempts to establish "new orders" and "peaceful mediation."

IN THE PAST, Japanese spokesmen have been loud in their complaint that the people of Britain and the United States have failed to "understand" their programmes for "establishing peace and new orders." The fact of the matter is that both Britain and America have understood them only too well. The cloak of Japanese innocence which the Japanese have assumed when it suited them has not fooled the British and American people. The evidence to convince them otherwise has been cumulative. The developments in Indo-China and Thailand provide indisputable proof of why Britain and the United States consider Japan's policy beyond comprehension. Her self-imposed arbitration in a dispute, which was obviously created by her own instigation, does not conceal her ultimate plan to secure such control in those two states which will give her an advantage for her "new order" programme. Now that the Japanese recognise that Britain and her allies and the United States, in co-operation with China, are determined to frustrate their attempts to subjugate liberty-loving people, is it too much to hope that this intelligent understanding of the situation will even now have a sobering effect on Japan's statesmen?



BRITISH TROOPS ON GREEK SOIL. First picture of British troops landing on Greek soil. They are men of the R.A.F. and were heartily welcomed by numbers of Greek soldiers and sailors.

Adequate Guarantees Are Necessary Before Europe's Food Shortage Is Relieved

"Adequate guarantees are the whole crux of the matter and, given these, we should be extremely happy here to see supplies reach our friends in conquered Europe," said MR. LEONARD INGRAMS, the well-known economist, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the question of food supplies for the people in German occupied territories in Europe.

Mr. Ingrams said that the question of lifting the British blockade to relieve the shortage of food which Germany had created in Europe on the ground that it was causing suffering to many innocent people had again arisen.

"HUMAN SUFFERING" "It is impossible not to sympathise with those who argue that human suffering outweighs military considerations," he declared, "and it is impossible not to sympathise with people who give sentimental support to human sufferings. They are honest and sincere and they are much more honest than those who say that relief of this sort can be administered in such a way that it will not help our enemies."

"The fact, however, is that it will. The promoters of these schemes must realise that in the name of Christian charity they are doing out help for Herr Hitler. The British people, whether they like it or not, will have to turn a deaf ear as long as people on whose behalf these appeals are made are part and parcel of Herr Hitler's war machine."

"It is foolish to say that the British blockade is directed against the enemy's food supplies—it is directed against the enemy's war machine. It is not meant to starve women and children, but there is no way of relaxing it which will not help the enemy directly or indirectly. If there is a way of helping Herr Hitler's conquered Europe, without helping him we should welcome it."

ADADEQUATE GUARANTEES Mr. Ingrams said that this brought them to the question of guarantees and unfortunately it was now common knowledge that any promise by the German Government was worth less today than it was years ago.

"Unless we are able to approach any such negotiations with the possibility of fulfilment of every single contract entered into by the Germans, it is not worth going to the conference table," said Mr. Ingrams. Mr. Ingrams declared that his experience of the German people had taught him that neither the letter nor the spirit of any contract had the slightest meaning to the Germans.

"Unless you enter upon your negotiations with a big stick, in the shape of some threat which you could, and would, carry out, it is useless to rely on their word," he declared. "It was in this way that the Belgian Relief organisation was able to make sure that the relief they secured would be able to get in the last war. That was because they employed the threat of American intervention in the war."

"Adequate guarantees are still the crux of the matter and, given

these, we should be extremely happy here to see supplies reaching our friends in conquered Europe. Adequate guarantees which will not benefit our enemies must be given and in any adequate guarantee our Government will not accept Herr Hitler's signature."

Mr. Ingrams declared that the greatest problem of Britain's enemies today was the problem of transport and distribution and any relaxation of the British blockade would facilitate the problem of transport and enable tons of trucks to be brought into use.

"What would be the German answer if we asked them to relax their blockade to bring food into Poland?" asked Mr. Ingrams. "Is it reasonable that we should make concessions to help to solve a problem which would never have arisen if Germany had not invaded neutral territories and which would not have arisen even then if she had not looted their stocks?"

HITLER'S BALKAN HOPES Mr. Ingrams referred to the developments in the Balkans and stated that Herr Hitler's intentions in massing troops there was to make sure of his oil supplies, as his reserves were running dry.

"There is plenty of oil in Rumania, but he cannot bring more out of the country to his armies and to his bases from which he is threatening us because the railways and rivers in that region are carrying their maximum load today. By conquering the countries in the Balkans and in the Black Sea areas he will be able to sneak some of this oil to his invasion forces," said Mr. Ingrams. "The Balkans are the ladder of the German war machine. They have been organised for this purpose since Herr Hitler came into power to keep his war machine supplied. Conditions in the Balkans and the conditions under which Herr Hitler's transport facilities have to be reserved for military purposes means that Herr Hitler will be aggravated to a point in which he will not be able to carry on his war."

FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE

"What do you suppose is the feeling of the people most concerned in this matter—the victims of the German conquest?" asked Mr. Ingrams. "Those who have accepted enslavement in their hearts are not worth saving and those who do it for profit are concerned in the enemy to extend his evil domination."

"But the great mass of the people in these conquered countries is not reconciled to this state of things and they do not propose to take it lying down. I have friends in the countries under Herr Hitler today. I know that these people want to help us and

PLAN FOR THE FEEDING OF NAZI-OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—A six-point plan for the feeding of Nazi-occupied countries was outlined by Mr. Herbert Hoover in a broadcast yesterday.

The plan has been submitted to the British and French Governments, as follows:—

An initial experiment in Belgium to determine whether the conquered peoples can be fed without military advantage on either side.

Feeding to be carried out only through soup kitchens in order to prevent supplies reaching Germany.

Provision to be made at the outset for 1,000,000 adults and 2,000,000 children, requiring 50,000 tons of food monthly.

Berlin to agree not to requisition food from the countries whether help is sent.

London and Berlin to guarantee immunity from attack on relief ships carrying the food; and

The supervision and execution of the plan by a neutral body.

NAZI VANDALISM IN POLAND

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter)—Desperate attempts are being made by the Germans to remove all traces of Polish life in the western part of Poland, says a Reuter correspondent. Even memorials and tombstones in cemeteries are being taken away and cemeteries are being ploughed up or turned into public parks.

The statues of many famous Poles are being removed by order of Dr. Frank, the Nazi Governor of Poland.

ALL FIVE SONS JOIN U.S. ARMED SERVICES

Montgomery, N.Y.—If war comes the Hoff family will have to get an extra-size service flag, they are proud to say. For Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoff have all their five sons and only son-in-law in the armed services.

Harold, the eldest son, has been in the Navy 16 years and now is on the U.S.S. Philadelphia at San Pedro, Calif. Charles, Jr. has been on the battle-wagons 12 years and now is with U.S.S. Yorktown at San Diego.

Fred is a National Guard sergeant at Camp Dix, N.J., and brother Floyd, who enlisted recently is with him. Robert is an Air Corps clerk at Stewart Field, Newburgh, N.Y. Son-in-law is Edward Weaver, also a Guardsman at Camp Dix.

"The last time we were all together," said Mrs. Hoff, "was nine years ago. But it's nice to know you'll get at least one letter from someone every day."

that they want to aggravate the enemy's problem.

"How can these people help? They are in Herr Hitler's power, but their spirit is with us. The average person here has come to the conclusion that they will endure any privations and do everything in their power with every weapon at their disposal to defeat this tyranny which has overcome so many of them and which threatens us too."

Highly Successful Raid On Brindisi Aerodrome

ATHENS, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—R. A. F. BOMBERS made a highly successful raid on BRINDISI AERODROME on Saturday night despite intense anti-aircraft fire, according to a communiqué issued today by the headquarters of the British forces in Greece.

MALAYA'S WAR GIFTS

SINGAPORE, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Malaya, which has already made notable contributions to the war expenditure, has now sent £58,000 to London for distribution among a number of specific charities connected with the war.

In addition, the State of Perlis, the smallest Malayan State with a total population of 50,000, has voted £17,500 for general war expenditure to be expended in emergency work within the State of Perlis.

BOMBS DROPPED IN EAST ANGLIA

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—There has been little enemy air activity over England since yesterday.

Towards midnight yesterday a single enemy aircraft dropped a bomb on a North-East coast town where a few houses were damaged and a small number of casualties resulted.

About the same time, bombs were dropped in East Anglia, causing neither damage nor casualties.

An Air Ministry communiqué says there is nothing to report during the night.

OFF NORFOLK COAST

An enemy bomber was shot down into the sea off the Norfolk coast yesterday afternoon, states a London message.—(Special)

BURMESE IN R.A.F.

The first Burmese to gain his commission in the Royal Air Force will join the Burma Squadron as an engineer officer, states a London message.

Burma has sent £150,000 to provide for the pilots who, flying Hurricanes, have already shot down more than 30 enemy planes.—(Special)

German Troops In Rumania

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LONDON, Feb. 17 (BWS).—A reference in the recent Greek communiqué to the British help in the air, draws attention to one of the main points in British policy, namely, assistance of every kind to the Greeks in their valiant resistance to the unprovoked aggression.

The other principal aim of British policy is to strengthen the British naval and aerial predominance in Eastern Mediterranean.

The confusion that reigns in the Balkan countries of the firm attitude taken by Turkey is welcomed and it is noted here that the recent Anglo-Turkish Staff talks have been entirely satisfactory.

PLANS COMPLETED

According to a message from Sydney, Germany has now completed all preparations for her next move in the Balkans.

In Bulgaria itself, preparations for war are apparent in the issue of ration cards for food and other commodities and it is stated that 600,000 German troops are standing by on the Rumanian border.

The same message gives a summary of the demands made by Hitler to the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Yugoslavia.

These include the handing over of three northern districts of Yugoslavia to Hungary and three other districts to Bulgaria.

Yugoslavia is to be compensated for these concessions by being given an outlet to the Aegean Sea and a part of the territory in Northern Albania.—(Special)

STATE PREMIERS TO CONFER

The Acting Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. A. W. Fadden, will call a conference of State Premiers in the immediate future to discuss the war generally and in particular air raid precautions, states a London message.

"From what I am told and have seen we must be on the q.v. The situation is not alarming but it is critical," he said. "We would be very foolish if we did not take stock of our resources."—(Special)

"WORKING TOGETHER"

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"This attitude has been accentuated by the bombing of our cities and the work of our air force, army and navy. It is a feeling that our safety depends on the courage of these lads and the men and women in the workshops know that on them depends not only victory, but the safety and security of their families.

A GREAT UNITY

"I have no doubt that you are wondering how we are getting on at home in this colossal task. These details will be dealt with by the individual speakers in this series. The Prime Minister charged me with the duty of organising the great labour forces of the country in such a manner as to get the most sustained production until victory is achieved.

"We are a free and independent people, but in spite of this there is a great unity

running through our working people. It is simple remarkable how the trades in this country have been willing to make adjustments to enable these victories to be achieved, to build up the defences of this island and to equip our air, land and naval forces."

Mr. Bevin declared that the war had produced a great improvement on the managerial side. There was no kind of talk now about profit and the profiteer of the previous war was not tabooed by the public. This common effort had produced in the old country a much greater spirit of unity than had ever been experienced before.

MINISTRY TASK

"The actual conduct of a war hitherto had always been looked upon as a thing apart from the ordinary people," said Mr. Bevin. "Their part was merely to obey and fight. Now they feel that they have as much ability as their commander-in-chief. There is a closer association between the high command and the people and this spirit of the Ministry of Labour comparatively easy."

Mr. Bevin declared that they were first of all absorbing all the unemployed into industry. People who had been out of work for years in that country had gone back into industry and had proved themselves able to produce their quota to the war effort. Trades Unions and employers in every industry had been asked to go through the numbers they employ, the raw material they use and the amount they manufacture and these were being transferred wherever required on an orderly basis. A register was being kept so that these men would go back to their jobs when the war was over.

Referring to the comments about the conscription of Labour, Mr. Bevin said that what the Government was doing was to register everybody to find out what their capabilities were.

THE DEMOCRATIC WAY

"What the workers have said to us is 'We want to do the most essential things to win the war. Tell us what to do and where to go. So we register them and we shall, as our great factories come into production more and more as time goes on, call upon them to come forward to fill the vacancies in this great undertaking," said Mr. Bevin.

"Many people have never been in production before, but they have no objection to being called to perform whatever duties the state requires of them. And so it is that we think that dealing with such matters in an orderly way is more democratic and more just and that it makes possible a readjustment at the end of the war with greater speed.

"The most striking thing is that the people in this country say this is right," went on Mr. Bevin. "In the last war there was a good deal of talk about comradeship in the trenches. That comradeship, however, was never mobilised. This war has produced not only comradeship in the mechanised, land, air and naval forces, but in the factories and workshops. It is that comradeship which can be turned to good account and by it the evolution of our people will be made more secure."

MATSUOKA ON LEADERSHIP

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Japan does not claim leadership over all peoples within the East Asia sphere of common prosperity, but believes the Japanese nation are possessed of the capabilities of leading them, declared Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, in reply to an interpellation regarding the Netherlands, especially the Netherlands East Indies which "refuse to be included in the East Asia sphere of common prosperity" in the Diet.

"Whatever might happen, the Japanese nation will never abandon the establishment of a Greater East Asiatic sphere of common prosperity. They are possessed of ample national resources to attain that great aspiration, notwithstanding belief to the contrary."

GERMAN INFILTRATION
TOKYO, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—The infiltration of Germans into Japan is confirmed in a statement by Mr. Matsuoka who declared that Japan needs a large number of German technicians in order to complete her mission for greater prosperity in East Asia.

"LIFE AND DEATH PROBLEM"

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—The Japanese policy is to seek a solution to the "life and death problem" of her interests in the South Seas "through peaceful negotiations to the very last," the Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Onishi, told the audit committee of the Lower House.

Mr. Onishi pointed out that to attempt to achieve her aims through armed force would bring about the destruction "with unfavourable effects to Japan."

JAPAN-SOVIET RELATIONS

Japanese relations with Russia were discussed in Tokyo yesterday, states a London message.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, was urged to make a demarche about the activities of the Comintern.

Mr. Matsuoka replied that the Comintern was not identical with the Soviet Government but promised to take steps if the Comintern gave any trouble.—(Special)

Military Alliance, Japanese Report

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Britain is negotiating with Chungking for a military alliance, says the Bangkok correspondent of the YOMIURI SHIMBUN.

The proposed alliance is aimed at establishing joint Anglo-Chinese defence in the Far East and would provide for the enlistment of Chinese in the South Seas in the British Army, adds the paper.

ROME PARLEY

TOKYO, Feb. 17 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini and the Japanese Ambassador discussed the Far Eastern situation and measures to effect closer co-operation between Japan, Germany and Italy, says a Rome dispatch to the Nichi Nichi Shimbun.

GEN. OSHIMA

General Oshima, the new Japanese Ambassador to Germany, arrived in Berlin yesterday, states a London message. His staff was so large that a special train conveyed him across Siberia.

This is Gen. Oshima's second appointment to Berlin.—(Special)

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Why Willkie Visited Eire

MR. DE VALERA IS IMPRESSED

An indication why Mr. Wendell Willkie made a hurried trip to Eire is revealed by a correspondent writing to an American newspaper and quoted in a message from Sydney. The writer states that Mr. Willkie was urged to make the trip by Cardinal Hinsley, Archbishop of Westminster.

Mr. Willkie is reported to have said that the attitude of Eire was not supported by Irish Catholics in the United States and Mr. de Valera was impressed by his views.

The writer also states that Mr. de Valera informed Mr. Willkie that Eire might reconsider her position in the light of recent developments, even to the extent of granting bases there for Britain.—(Special)

WILLKIE MAY SEE CHINA WAR ZONES

It is reported that Mr. Wendell Willkie may make a journey to China to visit the war zones, states a London message.

When asked about this, Mr. Willkie replied, "No definite decision has been reached yet."—(Special)

DR. CONANT SENT TO LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 17 (BWS).—As part of the plan of collaboration with Britain in the development of war weapons, President Roosevelt has sent to London, Dr. James Conant, President of Harvard, and one of the most distinguished U.S. research chemists, accompanied by two research assistants.

Germans Not Satisfied With Vichy Attitude

THE GERMANS are still not satisfied with the attitude of the VICHY GOVERNMENT and they are now saying that ADMIRAL DARLAN must go to PARIS again and confer with M. LAVAL and HERR ABETZ, German Embassy to Paris, states a London message.

Whether Admiral Darlan goes to Paris or not there is little change in the situation since his last visit when he took Marshal Petain's answer to the German demands.

These demands were taken to include the handing over of the French Fleet and French naval bases which the Germans did not get but they do not consider the matter as closed.

NOT ENDED

Le PETIT PARISIEN, German-controlled paper, says that the negotiations are still not ended. France and Germany have studied agreements some of which have been satisfactorily concluded. French circles believe that collaboration must extend to trade.

Since Darlan's last visit his duties have widened.—(Special)

Badminton

Hongkong University "A" made practically certain of retaining the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night when they trounced Regero by nine sets to nil on their own courts.

T. K. Hui and H. F. Chiu (H.K. U.) beat M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Rodrigues 21-12, beat J. J. Remedios and H. F. Goncalves 21-7, beat L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva 23-22.

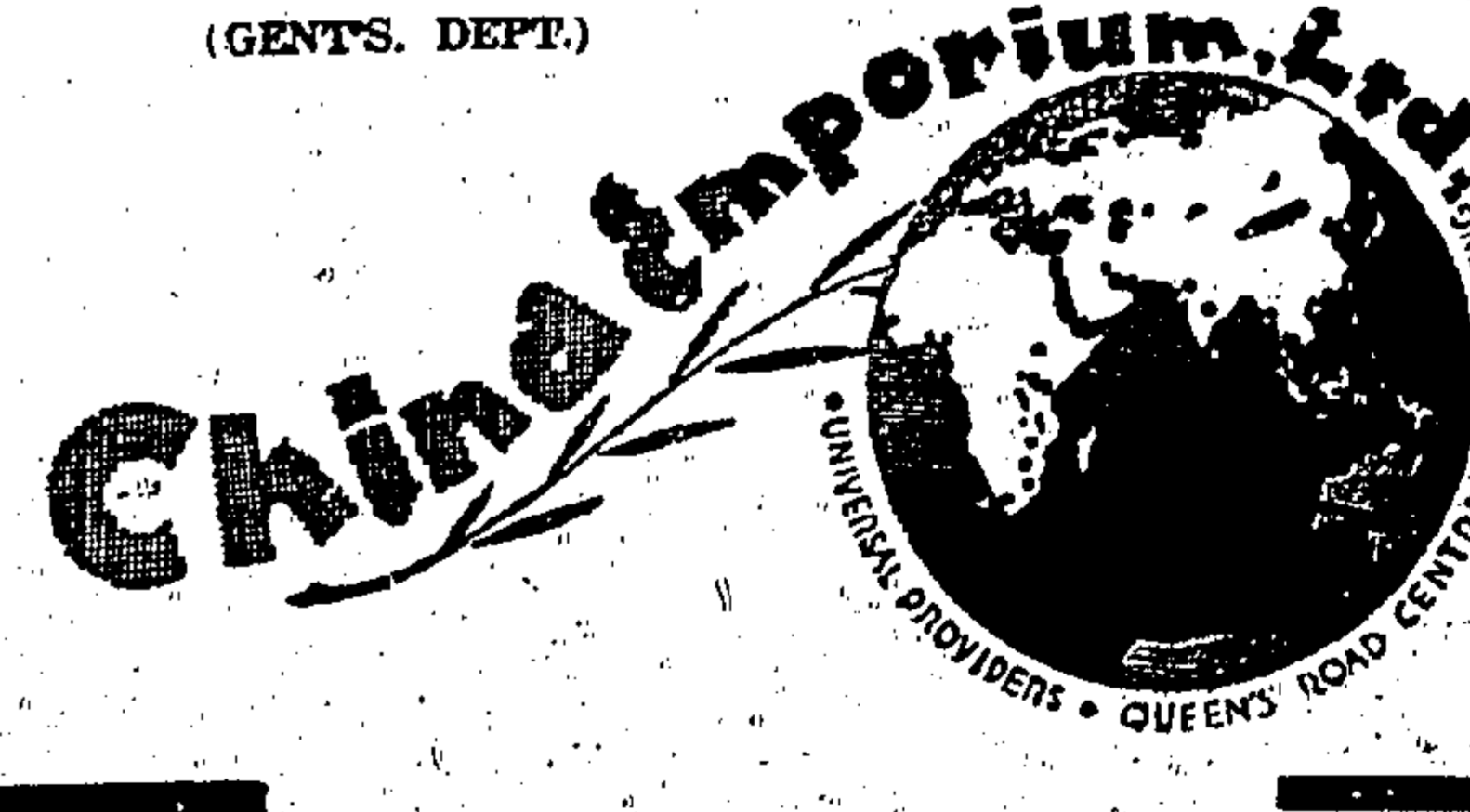
K. W. Choy and C. K. Lee (H.K. U.) beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-3, beat Remedios and Goncalves 21-12, beat Carvalho and Silva 21-1.

M. S. Lim and F. L. Yung (H.K. U.) beat Oliveira and Rodrigues 21-10, beat Remedios and Goncalves 21-10.

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MALTA HOUSE DEMOLISHED

An enemy plane flew over Malta shortly before midnight on Saturday and dropped some bombs, states a London message. A house was demolished and there was one minor casualty.

On Sunday morning, an enemy plane on reconnaissance, was engaged by A. A. fire and later a large formation of enemy bombers appeared on offensive patrol.—(Special)

Yes 21-2, beat Carvalho and Silva 21-10.

GRADUATION FUNCTION

Interesting lectures were given by Mr. Sung Huek-pang, former Education Director of Chinese Schools of the Colony and Dr. S. F. Lam, Ph. D., former Vice-President of the Bank of China, at the great hall of the Nam Yang Commercial Academy on Saturday night when the graduation function was held.

More than 30 students have completed their studies at this commercial school. Mr. Ng Sing-ling B.A., the Principal, presented the reports.

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H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police

GENERAL

In the course of Squad Drill Competition held on Thursday, February 13 at 17.00 hours at Central Police Station, the Cup presented by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, (Reserve) was won by the Emergency Unit Reserve.

CHINESE COMPANY

Strength. Constable R38 Cheng Chung-choy has been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from February 11, 1941. Patrol duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Training Course—Part I. Members of the Hongkong Section will attend Central Police Station on Thursday, February 20 at 17.30 hours for Part I of Training Course under Police Sergeant E371 K. B. Lee. Dress—Blue Uniform. Members of the Kowloon Section will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, February 21 at 17.30 hours for Part I of Training Course. Dress—Blue Uniform.

Training Course—Part II. Members of the Hongkong Section will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Thursday, February 20 at 17.30 hours for Part II of Training Course. Dress—Muff.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1941.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Feb. 16:—Diphtheria, two cases; Enteric Fever, two cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery, one case; Tuberculosis, 30 cases.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

SENT FOR TRIAL

Chan Shu-yip, alias Chan Shui-king, alias Shu Yin, 32, described as a broker, charged with having carnal knowledge of a 12-year-old Chinese girl at St. Francis Hotel, was committed for trial by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

STOLEN OVERCOAT

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on Ho Ping, 30, by Mr. Sheldon yesterday for stealing a woollen overcoat from Wong Wan-yuk, woman, in Leighton Hill Road.

FALSE PRETENCES ALLEGED

Alleged to have obtained the sum of \$10 from Cheng Ping-woon on Feb. 15 at No. 303, Des Voeux Road West, by pretending that he had been sent by Sanitary Insp. Chan to collect the said sum, Chung Kau, 38, unemployed, appeared before Major A. N. Macfadyen yesterday on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences.

Defendant was remanded to today at 11 a.m.

NO EVIDENCE

The Police offering no evidence, Li On, 34, charged with obtaining \$450 from a woman, Wong Yuk-yin, at No. 60, Johnston Road, by pretending that he was an agent of the Immigration Office, and Sidney Lam, 34, charged with aiding and abetting, were discharged by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

LOITERER GAOLED

Pleading guilty to loitering and stealing a blanket from No. 7, Luen Fat Street, Wong Pui, 30, was sentenced by Mr. Sheldon to four months' hard labour.

ATTEMPTED THEFT

Kwong Lam, 23, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday on a charge of attempting to steal a wallet and two \$1 notes from the person of Mr. R. Treherne-Perigo, of Talkno Dockyard, at Queen's Road Central. Defendant was remanded for 24 hours.

AT KOWLOON

EVASION OF FARE

Li Ming, 22, of No. 279, Lai-chikok Road was fined \$15 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday for evading the payment of fare on board the Yau-mai ferry Mar Yung.

UNREGISTERED WARD

For keeping an unregistered ward and for assaulting her, a married woman, Chan Sang, 33, was charged before Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

Insp. H. W. Fraser, of the S.C.A., prosecuted.

Complainant went to the Yau-mai Police Station and reported that she had been assaulted by defendant.

Defendant was fined \$5 on the first charge and cautioned for assault.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for Feb. 26 by Mr. Macnamara yesterday of the case in which Chan Chut-kan, 21, was charged with receiving a wrist watch stolen from the chambers of Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, Kowloon Magistrate, on Feb. 10.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for defendant who is on \$300 bail.

JUVENILE BOUND OVER

"I stole these books because I cannot afford to buy them," said a 13-year-old boy before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday when he was charged with larceny of 13 Chinese school books from a book-store at No. 636, Nathan Road.

Sgt. A. L. Gordon prosecuted.

Defendant was bound over.

BRIBE OFFERED

Appearing before Mr. Anderson yesterday, Lau Hon, 26, office boy, was charged with offering a bribe to a policeman.

Pleading guilty on behalf of defendant, Mr. M. A. da Silva said that accused was employed by the Hongkong Engineering Construction Company. Defendant had a friend, who was arrested by P.C. 668, Yuet Chin, for stealing P.C. 668's. Apparently misguidedly by friendship, defendant offered the constable \$1 in order to have his friend released.

Det.-Sgt. A. Bethell said that he understood defendant was requested by the thief to offer the bribe.

Accused was bound over. The

FORGERY ALLEGED

COURT MARTIAL OF SAPPER

District Court Martial proceedings were commenced at Wellington Barracks yesterday against SAPPER JAMES' JOHNS, of the 40th Company, Royal Engineers.

The Court comprised Major S. F. Hedgecock, Middlesex Regt. (President), Acting Capt. W. E. Martin, Royal Artillery, and Lieut. H. S. F. Hancock, Middlesex Regt., while 2/Lt. W. H. Hoyland, Royal Artillery, watched proceedings under instructions.

Capt. H. C. Cartwright-Taylor, Royal Engineers, was the prosecuting officer and the defence was in charge of Capt. A. J. Le Seclieur, R.E.

THREE CHARGES

Johns appeared on three charges of forgery; uttering a forged document, knowing it to be forged; and alternatively, attempting to obtain credit from the Mary Suk Store, No. 60, Johnston Road, Wanchai, by false pretences.

It was alleged that Johns forged the signature of Major D. M. J. Murray, Officer Commanding 40th Company, Royal Engineers.

Guloom Naralan, silk merchant, said that on Jan. 29 accused came to his shop and wanted credit for purchases up to \$150.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages were announced at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday:—

Mr. Si Wai-ming, police sub-inspector, Yau-mai Police Station, and Miss Yuen Hing-han, of 5 Tung Fong Street.

Mr. Cheng Lun-shi, coppersmith, of 187 Hennessy Road, ground floor, and Miss Chong Lai-fung, of 52 Morrison Hill Road, top floor.

Mr. Cheng Chung-tak, clerk, of 143 Tung Lo Wan Road; and Miss Cheung Wai-ying, of 80 Tung Lo Wan Road.

Mr. Ho Kwok-shing, merchant, of 17 Waterloo Road, second floor, and Miss Yeung Chun-ching, of 36 Aplu Street, third floor.

POLICE REPORTS

Chan Ping-fan, of No. 2, Hui Hing Street, has reported the theft of a spare wheel and tyre, from his car No. 74, parked outside his house between midnight and 7 a.m. on yesterday.

Pte. Comigan, of the Royal Scots, is reported to have "escaped from military custody" at 8.55 p.m. last Wednesday, according to a report made to the Police. He has not been traced.

Two bales of raw silk were stolen from a lorry parked outside No. 120, Connaught Road West, on Sunday.

Mr. A. K. Thomson, of the Public Works Department, reports that 2,000 lbs. of scrap iron, were stolen from the Water Works Department Stores in Shanghai Street on Feb. 15.

bribe of \$1 was offered to be placed in the Poor Box.

THEFT OF CLOTH

Two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Anderson yesterday on Chung Ming, 18, for stealing three rolls of cloth, valued at \$137, from No. 8, Hankow Road.

Sub-Inspector Johnson prosecuted.

SERIOUS OFFENCE

For inciting juveniles to commit a felony by instructing them to steal, Cheng Cheung, 27, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Macnamara yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin, prosecuting, said that on Saturday a juvenile was sentenced for larceny and later two more were arrested. They all alleged that defendant instructed them to knock down the money held by women, bringing up as much as possible and picking them back to defendant. The boys were rewarded with three or four cents each time they succeeded.

Sgt. Baldwin said that this was a very serious offence and asked his Worship to punish defendant heavily.

BLARNEY STONE RUGGER:

Big Margins Feature First Round: M'sex "A" Extended

THE SEVEN-A-SIDE RUGBY TOURNAMENT FOR THE BLARNEY STONE SHIELD was given a warm send-off at the Hongkong Football Club ground yesterday when a very fair crowd was present for the first round programme of five matches. Of the seven games two, Police "B" v. Royal Scots "A" and Club "A" v. Royal Scots "B" were called off.

There was no upset and big margins marked each win, the only close score being seen between Middlesex "A" and Tamar and Small Ships "B".

CIVIL SERVICE beat 12th Heavy Regt. "B" by four tries (12 pts.) to a try (3 pts.). Morgan, Hynes, Morgan and Taylor touched down for the winners and Giddins for 12th Heavy Regt.

Civil Service: A. J. G. Taylor (Capt.), K. Morrow, T. O. Morgan, J. Redman, B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

12th Heavy Regt. "B": Gnr. McCarthy, Gnr. Denton, Hall, Bullen, 2/Lt. Delderfield (Capt.) and Sdr. Giddins.

SAPPERS WIN

ROYAL ENGINEERS beat 5th A. A. Regt. "A" by two goals and a try (13 pts.) to a try (3 pts.). The half-time score was 3-0. Picton going over for a try. In the second half, Birrell touched down twice for Sappers, converting both goals himself. Gidlin went over for 5th A. A.

Royal Engineers: Spr. Jones, Cpl. Picton, Cpl. Birrell, Cpl. Foley (Capt.), Spr. Martin, L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.

5th A. A. Regt. "A": 2/Lt. Fairclough, Gnr. Gidlin, Gnr. Baker, Gnr. Dobbinson, Gnr. Evans, Clark and Sgt. Page (Capt.).

SMALL UNITS UP

COMBINED SMALL UNITS "A" beat 5th A. A. Regt. "B" by three tries (9 pts.) to nil. Pratt (2) and Macdonald scored the tries.

Combined Small Units "A": Pte. Macdonald, Pte. Pratt, Sgt. Hamlin, L/Cpl. Morgan, Pte. Mohan, Chandler, Sgt. Bedford.

5th A. A. Regt. "B": Gnr. Easterbrook, Gnr. Mulligan, 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce, Gnr. Sutcliffe, Gnr. Mullen, Gnr. Owen and 2/Lt. Heath (Capt.).

CLOSE GAME

In a close game, Middlesex "A" beat Tamar and Small Ships "B" by a try and a dropped goal (7 pts.) to a goal (5 pts.). The win-

ners scored in the first half, and the Tamar and Small Ships seven toward the end of the game.

Berry touched down for Middlesex and Capt. Man dropped the goal. Rutherford touched down for Tamar and Watson converted.

Middlesex Regiment "A": Jackson, Lt. Weedon, Capt. Man, Pte. Jones, Pte. Berry, Sgt. Bayly and Capt. Hewitt (Capt.).

Tamar and Small Ships "B": Clough, 2/Lt. McGill, S/Lt. Dagher, Gallagher, S/Lt. Poole, Lt. Watson and Lt. Rutherford.

CONCLUDING GAME

In the fifth and concluding game of the afternoon, Jardine's were unable to hold 8th Heavy Regt. "A" and were beaten by three tries (9 pts.) to nil. Richards (2) and Capt. Skipwith scored the tries.

8th Heavy Regt. "A": L/Bdr. Richards, Sgt. Marsh, Capt. Skipwith, Capt. Hook (Capt.), Gnr. Cooke, L/Bdr. McDermott and Turner.

Jardine's: D. I. Bosanquet (Capt.), N. J. Booker, D. B. Nelson, J. C. Eager, R. G. Geer, R. G. Whitbourne and G. J. P. Carey.

RAMSEY WINS GOLF CUP

A. W. Ramsey, President of the Country Golf Club, Sheungshui, won the Captain's Cup Competition of the club on Sunday when he beat R. E. Lee 3 and 2 in the final over 18 holes.

In the first round of the Club Championship A. W. Ramsey beat A. T. Lee 2 and 1. In the Second Round, R. E. Lee beat K. T. Oei 3 and 1; C. H. Suen beat E. J. M. Churn 6 and 5; and A. A. Lopes beat M. F. Pinna 6 and 5.

PHYSICIAN WAS HER SVENGALI!

Before an audience composed largely of City Hall politicians and fraternal leaders, Dr. Myron B. Fractman, 53-year-old physician, was painted as a kind of modern Svengali.

Appearing before Municipal Judge Morris on felony charges of prescribing narcotics for someone not his patient, Dr. Fractman specifically was accused of administering a half grain of morphine sulphate to 19-year-old Mrs. Bernice Brown Tweedy.

A parade of physicians preceded Mrs. Tweedy to the stand, during the all-day hearing. Three, Dr. John Golden, Dr. Daniel Cronin and Dr. Joseph Peter Keenan, testified they had given the girl partial examinations and all had noted a swelling on her left arm that appeared to be the result of a hypodermic injection.

Dr. Cronin declared that Mrs. Tweedy appeared "nervous and sleepy and failed to react to light."

Dr. Keenan testified the girl seemed to be suffering from shock against the elderly physician to relate a lurid story covering a period of three months.

On October 18, she said, under questioning by Assistant District Attorney Arthur Ohlman, she visited Dr. Fractman's Flood building office where he administered the narcotic to her by hypodermic.

"He told me," she said, "that he wanted the hypodermic to get control and power over me so I would do as he wished."

During the course of their three-month relationship, Mrs. Tweedy said Dr. Fractman frequently urged her to "try" a narcotic.

"He told me I'd get a great kick out of it," she said. Nevertheless, the girl said, she did not accept his suggestions until October 18. Nor, she said, was she ever a patient of Dr. Fractman.

Under cross examination by Defence Attorney Jake Ehrlich Mrs. Tweedy declared that the physician had urged her to "go into a house" and that he promised to "take only a small fraction of her earnings."

"I often asked him about getting me a job," she said, "but he would stroke me in the face. He had a quick temper."

For the last 21 years physician for a local fraternal order, Dr. Fractman is out on \$500 bail. The hearing was postponed because Judge Morris was suffering from a toothache.

Chu Shu-ying, of Ha Sa Ho Village, Kowloon City, has reported the theft of \$134.40 worth of flour.

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THE WORLD'S BEST ATHLETES

Ten Best Track And Field Performers Listed

NEW YORK.—The Amateur Athlete offers its annual list of the world's ten best track and field performers of 1940, covering seventeen of the twenty-three events on the Olympic programme. Unexpectedly, one finds performances from Germany, Finland, Sweden, Italy and Norway. Track competition did not have favourable auspices in Europe this summer, but apparently there were some track meets between blitzkriegs.

Not unexpectedly, the United States dominates this list in the events in which American athletes generally have been supreme. They probably would have carried off the same honours even in a normal year, even if the Olympics of 1940 had been held in Helsinki in mid-summer.

U.S. DOMINATION

The United States has the top performance in ten events—the 100 and 200 metre sprints, the 1,500, the 110-metre high hurdles, 400-metre hurdles, shotput, discus throw, pole vault, high jump and broad jump. It shares the No. 1 achievement in the 400-metre run with Canada and Italy. Germany has top billing in three events—the 800 metres, 10,000 metres and hammer throw, while Sweden leads in the 5,000 metres, Finland in the javelin throw, Japan in the hop, step and jump. In an irregular world, the track and field performances follow a regular trend in this distribution.

England does not appear on this list, mainly because it had no trunk with metric distances this year. Thus, Sidney Wooderson's 4:11 mile is not listed, although he would have been among the ten leaders at 1,500 metres, Walter John Mehl, the Wisconsin graduate, who came up suddenly with an electrifying 3:47.9—a tenth second back of the world record—in winning the National A. A. U. championship at Fresno in June, heads the 1,500-metre list. Glenn Cunningham, second in that race in 3:48, is rated next. Non-winning performances usually are not listed, but The Amateur Athlete overlooks this point in favour of old Glenn. He belongs high on any list.

According to one rumour out of Paris before the Germans' march, Rudolf Harbig, the German runner, was in a concentration camp. Maybe the track meet was closed, to concentration camp athletes, but Harbig is credited with 1:47.8 for 800 metres, the fastest race at the distance outdoors last year. Our John Woodruff, who ran 1:47 for 800 metres on the Dartmouth track in March, hit 1:48.6 for the distance outdoors at Compton, Calif. A Woodruff-Harbig duel was one of the 1940 Olympic naturals which we shall never see.

BLOIS HEADS SHOTPUTTERS

Al Blois, the Georgetown tackle, heads the shotputters with 56 feet 1 inch, followed by Stanford's Stan Anderson's 55.34. In the discus Phil Fox, the Californian leads Lampert, of Germany, 170 feet 4 inches to 169 feet 11 inches. None but Americans appear in the pole vault compilation, Cornelius Warmerdam's world record of 15 feet 11 inches, being No. 1. Ten Americans cleared 14 feet 1/16 inch or better. Les Steers and Jack Wilson, Californians, head the high jumpers at 6 feet 9 3/8 inches. Pat Turner, another Californian, given the United States top rating in the broad jump with 25 feet 6 3/8 inches. Kin of Japan, is next with 25:1 9/16.

That concludes America's supremacy in the field events. Finland has the five top places in the javelin, where Nikkola leads with 248 feet 15/16 inch, and Matti Jarvinen is next with 245:2 7/8. Storch, of Germany, had the best hammer throw, 188 feet 1 inch, but the left-handed Bob Bennett, of Maine, got second place with 183 feet 16 1/2 inches. Japan has the two top places in the hop, step and jump with 51:74 and 15:5 5/16.

Harold Davis, the California junior speedboy, tops the two sprints with 10.3 for 100 metres and 20.4 for 200 metres, equalling and bettering, respectively, the

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

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Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	MONDAY 17 FEB.	Buyer	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks								
...	\$1400	H.K. Banks	\$1380	C.D.
...	277	Do. (Col. Reg.)	277	...
...	270	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	270	...
...	272	Chartered Banks	272	...
...	223	Mercantile Bks. "A"	223	...
...	211	Mercantile Bks. "C"	211	...
...	Bank of East Asia
...	N. C. & S. Banks
Insurance								
...	Canton Insurance
...	Union Insurance
...	Underwriters
...	H.K. Fire
Shipping								
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...	Steamboats
...	Indo-China (Ref.)
...	Indo-China (Def.)
...	Shells
...	Waterboats
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.								
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...	Providents
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...	H.K. Docks (New)
...	Shanghai Docks
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...	Zong Singa (S.)
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...	Peak Trams (new)
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...	Y'mat Ferries
...	China Lights (O.)
...	China Lights (New)
...	H.K. Electric (Old)
...	H.K. Electric (New)
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CANADA'S SPECIAL BUDGET

OTTAWA.—Drastic curtailment of luxury imports, mainly from the United States, increased excise taxes on domestic and personal conveniences, and reduced customs duties on United Kingdom commodities were the highlights of a special budget introduced by Hon. J. L. Halsey, Canadian Minister of Finance. The minister estimated the measures would save from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 a month in foreign exchange. He would venture no figure on increased tax receipts.

The list of non-essential imports to be prohibited under the interim budget are as follows:

Prepared cereal foods; florist stock and cut flowers; processed and canned fruits and vegetables (but not currants, raisins, dates, apricots, nor grapefruit juice); preserved fish, oysters and crab; manufactured tobacco; spirits and wines; certain classes of fiction magazines and comics; consumers' paper items; perfumes, etc., china and glass, silverware, electrical household appliances, stoves, etc.; bathroom fittings; automobiles, sporting goods and fishing tackle; cameras, furniture of wood or metal; radios; phonographs, musical instruments; luggage, all finished clothing or wearing apparel; silk, fabrics; ornaments; jewellery and precious stones; toys and dolls; and various miscellaneous articles.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Any of these articles which are the personal property of non-resident visitors to Canada may be brought into Canada by such tourists for their use here, in the same way that such things have always been admitted by Customs regulations in the past.

Imports, for which permits will have to be obtained include unmanufactured tobacco; automobiles and motor vehicles other than passenger cars; hardwoods and veneers, raw silk and silk yarns, all petroleum products, and certain minor items.

The excise tax on passenger automobiles will be increased from 10 per cent to 20 per cent on the first \$700 of the manufacturers' price, the progressively higher rates on the additional value above \$700 being left at the figures established in June. The existing tax rate of 10 per cent on cameras, phonographs, radios and radio tubes will be increased to 25 per cent on the manufacturers' price.

This rate will also apply as a new excise tax on electric and gas stoves, refrigerators, water heaters and light fixtures, slot and vending machines, and the following electrical appliances—washing machines, vacuum cleaners, toasters, grills, irons, curlers, razors and other minor items.

As a means of increasing imports from the United Kingdom, Mr. Halsey announced removal of all Customs duties on cotton, artificial silk, bituminous coal, jellies, jams and marmalades, furniture, gloves and mitts, and a number of miscellaneous items imported from Britain. Customs duties on many other items imported from the United Kingdom are sharply reduced.

CONDUCTORS URGED TO BE MORE POLITE

A recent note in the Malaya Tribune criticising the questionable attitude of certain employees of the Singapore Traction Company towards passengers travelling in their vehicles has brought results.

The Singapore Traction Company Employees' Association has issued an appeal to its members to treat passengers on the Company's vehicles more courteously, and to avoid unpleasantness of any kind at all cost.

A circular signed by the Association's president, Mr. Kartar Singh, states that it has been brought to his notice that the behaviour of individual drivers, conductors and inspectors of the Singapore Traction Company is not adequate.

The circular emphasises that it is the duty of the employees to treat their "patrons" courteously always, and declares that the Association's first and foremost duty is to urge its members to deal with passengers in a pleasant manner, and thereby maintain the good name of the Association.

GIANT U.S. PLANE NEARS TEST

Inside the United States' largest airplane assembly hangar, at the Douglas Aircraft Company in Santa Monica, the nation's foremost military aviation "puzzle" nears completion in the shape of the 164,000-pound four-engined XB-19 bomber. It will make its initial test flight late in December, according to production engineers.

Although the XB-19 has been thoroughly exploited in the press, its purpose never has been fully detailed. Critics of the \$3,000,000 prototype project have pointed to the huge plane's comparatively slow cruising speed of 200-odd miles an hour, to its supposed vulnerability and bulk, to its cost and the possibility of producing any quantity of this type in a short period of time.

On the other hand, Douglas spokesmen now have titled the XB-19 the "hemisphere defender," a name which aptly denotes the Army Air Corps' hopes for the craft.

Its size staggers the imagination, for the single-finned tail, standing forty-two feet off the concrete hangar floor, towers as high as a three-story building. Its still unfinished interior, in which 125 armed troops could be housed, across the United States non-stop, looms larger than the biggest railroad "luxury" car.

Here you get some notion of the XB-19's ultimate use, perhaps. It is a formidable weight-carrier. Still, in the ultra-experimental stage, a category it will undoubtedly occupy for at least a year after Douglas's vice president and chief test pilot, Major Carl Cover, takes it aloft the bomber shows splendid "on paper" performance. For medium mission it will haul eighteen tons of TNT. On its maximum flights of 7,500 miles it will carry about eight tons.

As a "hemisphere defender," the XB-19 may serve a purpose unique in military aeronautics. With its fuel tanks filled with 11,000 gallons—approximately 70,000 pounds or almost half its total gross weight—the craft will be able to patrol whole coast-lines or to win quickly to any threatened zone in North or South America. Furthermore, it could hop to Hawaii if trouble arose there or intercept an enemy fleet far out at sea.

ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF

Douglas officials, and Army men, too, admit that no nation but the United States would require such a machine. As to its alleged vulnerability, it can be reported that its armament will permit defenders to shatter the XB-19 in a veritable cloak of machine-gun bullets, ranging from 30 caliber to the so-called "aerial cannon" mounted in a power turret. Guns appear in the nose, top, belly, sides and tail. It is, its builders contend, defensible from any angle despite its only moderate top speed of four 2,000 horsepower Wright Cyclones, largest yet available for such a plane.

Motor installations are variable, however, and as more powerful engines are developed for use, they can be placed in the XB-19. Speeds closed to 300 miles an hour then will be achieved, it is believed. Here are some company predictions for the monster warship: That, by cutting corners slightly, it will be able to fly non-stop around the perimeter of the United States; that it could—if necessary—fly non-stop, round

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Thousands In P.I. Gaze Up At New Comet

Blazing in the southwestern sky is a new comet which is clearly visible to the naked eye from nightfall up to about 8:30 p.m. First observed in New Zealand, by A. A. McIntosh, of Auckland, last Jan. 25, the comet last night attracted the attention of local astronomers at the weather bureau who said they were "deluged" with calls from people in the city and suburbs who had seen it, reports the Manila Bulletin.

The new comet was so conspicuous it had thousands of residents gazing skyward not only in Manila and the suburbs but also in the provinces. People lined the Dewey Boulevard, Vito Cruz and other city streets clear from obstructions to watch the comet. At about 7:30 o'clock, over 100 persons gathered at Baclaran, Paranaque, Rizal, also to look at the heavenly body.

FIRST REPORT

First in Manila to report the comet to the weather bureau is Rolando Gonzales, an amateur astronomer, who began looking for it before sunset. He went to Dewey Boulevard long before 5:30 p.m. to wait for nightfall. Due to clouds in the sky he did not locate the comet until 6:30 p.m. He then called up the weather bureau to ask them if it was the Cunningham comet or a new one.

"Many people in the boulevard were looking at me with marked curiosity," he said, "as I kept my gaze in the sky and looked intently for the comet. I believe most of those who saw me thought I was crazy, or at least moonstruck. I am sorry my small telescope is broken and is now undergoing repairs as I have to rely on binoculars for better vision."

"I may be the first one in Manila to see this new comet, but I know I am not the first in the Philippines to observe it. Last night my mother and my sister who are in San Luis, Pampanga, saw the comet and called me up by long distance telephone to tell me about it. As they called me up too late at night I was not able to see the comet, so I began to look for it this evening. Unlike the Cunningham comet which was nebulous, this new one appeared to have distinct features."

Shortly after Gonzales had called up the weather bureau another call was received by the bureau from Miss Socorro Lulu Buenaventura, of Baclaran, who also saw the heavenly body. After this call the weather observatory received from 40 to 50 calls from residents in Manila and neighbouring towns who had observed the comet.

ZERO HOUR

Father Pablo Guzman Rivas, S.J., of the observatory, gave the position of the comet at 8 o'clock as zero hour, 10 minutes right ascension and 32 degrees, 45 minutes south declination or about a third of the way up from the horizon in the southwestern sky. He said anybody looking for this new comet cannot possibly miss it on

account of its brilliance and its very long tail. The location is near the constellation Sculptor, located between constellation Cetus and constellation Phoenix.

He admitted he was skeptical at first when he heard of the new comet, but careful observation confirmed that the new heavenly body existed at about the same locality as that given by press dispatches from New Zealand. The comet was hidden behind a cloud at 7 o'clock, but later came out and became conspicuous.

TAIL DEVELOPED

Father Charles E. Deppermann, S.J., assistant director of the weather bureau, remarked on the fact that the comet became visible somewhat suddenly and immediately became noticed by large groups of people. His explanation is that possibly the comet developed its tail only during the last two or three days and, therefore, did not appear so conspicuous in the sky.

First report on the new comet was received in Manila on Jan. 28 through a Reuter report from Wellington, New Zealand, stating that the comet first sighted by McIntosh was confirmed to be a new one and not the Cunningham comet.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

Table with 2 columns: Location/Instrument and Rate. Includes London, Shanghai, Singapore, Japan, India, New York, and various bank bills and credits.

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS. Monday, Feb. 17. Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 1/4 for both Ready and Forward. American Silver was unquoted. The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/4.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Feb. April, buyers at 1/3-1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Were firm. The market opened with sellers at 24 1/16 for Cash. Subsequently there were sellers at 24 3/8 for Cash and possible buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

435 1/2

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 3.29/64. Subsequently the rate dropped to 3.7/16. Last advice reported sellers at 3.29/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars sellers were quoted at the opening at 55.8. Later the rate eased off to 51.9/32. Last advice indicated sellers at 55.8 for Cash.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 17 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

Table with 2 columns: Location and Rate. Includes London, New York, Japan, India, and various bank bills and credits.

500 PARACHUTES A WEEK

Parachutes are being made in Canada at the rate of 500 per week. We have two sources of supply within the Dominion. Honourable C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply recently disclosed, and facilities are adequate for an output of considerably more than 1,000 parachutes per week, if necessary. With the exception of housings and a few other small fittings, all materials for the manufacture of parachutes are being made in this country. Approximately 13,000 parachutes have been ordered for the air services since the declaration of war, of which about 4,800 have been delivered and are available for use.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 1941

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes New York Cotton, New York Rubber, Chicago Wheat, Chicago Corn, and New York Hides.

Total sales Friday—137,700 bales.

The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41

NEW YORK RUBBER

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes March, May, July, and September.

Total sales—240 tons

CHICAGO WHEAT

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes May, July, and September.

Friday's sales—9,163,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes May, July, and September.

Total sales for the day—38 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes March, May, and September.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes March, May, and September.

Volume of business done—54 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes March, May, and September.

Volume of business done—108 lots

The first notice day for March is 17/2 and last day is 28/2.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

Table with 5 columns: Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes March, May, and September.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Feb. 14.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes War Loan, Defence Loan, Canton-Klon Rly, Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan, and various bonds.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Owing to the Annual Races which commence today, very little interest was taken in the market and only a small business was put through.

BUYERS

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes H.K. Govt 3 1/2% Loan, H.K. Govt 4 1/2% Loan, and Bank of East Asia.

SELLERS

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Realities, Trams, and various bonds.

SALES

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HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, Feb. 17, 1941.

SALES

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes China Lights, A.S. Watsons, and various bonds.

The total value is \$14,050.00.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 15, 1941

QUOTATIONS

STOCKS

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Last Sale, and Change. Includes Adams Express, Allegheny Steel Co., and various other stocks.

STOCKS

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Last Sale, and Change. Includes Mack Truck Inc., Martin, Glen L., and various other stocks.

STOCKS

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Last Sale, and Change. Includes National Dairy Products, National Distillers, and various other stocks.

STOCKS

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Last Sale, and Change. Includes Packard Motors, Pan-American Airways, and various other stocks.

STOCKS

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Last Sale, and Change. Includes Reynolds Tobacco, Safeway Stores, and various other stocks.

STOCKS

Table with 3 columns: Stock Name, Last Sale, and Change. Includes Shell Oil, Socomey Vacuum Oil, and various other stocks.

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THRILLING NEW SPORT

"SQUIDDIN"

Apart from the major purpose of the Michael Lerner Peru-Chile Expedition (April 1st-July 1st, 1940—the fifth to be conducted for the American Museum of Natural History), which was research in South American coastal waters into the habits of swordfish and marlin, a notable precedent was set in catching the first Pacific squid (Dorisidicus gigas) on rod and reel—of a type used by big-game fishermen.

This new and unique sport, named "Squiddin" by Mr. Lerner, was so packed with thrills that it may set a new vogue in deep-sea fishing. The squid were found in large numbers about 30 miles off Cabo Blanco 25 miles north of Talara, Peru. The smaller squid were near the surface; the larger, further down and usually over rocky areas of bottom. These creatures are vicious feeders and seemed to attack anything, alone or in groups. Both their tentacles and heavy, sharp, parrot-like beaks make them dangerous adversaries.

GANG HOOKS

Mr. Lerner discovered that the best way to catch the squid was by using gang hooks, using a dozen or so hooks line in rather close clusters, baited with chunks of other squid or fish. The lines were weighted so as to carry the bait down through the layer of smaller squid to the large squid in deeper water. Squid definitely live in different layers. Quick to bite but hard to hold, the boating of one squid out of every eight hooked would be a very fair average for any angler.

American Museum authorities believe that this is the first time the Pacific Squid has ever been taken on rod and reel, or ever fished according to big-game fishing standards. Michael Lerner reports that there is as much thrill and difficulty attached to hooking and boating this creature as to any fish in his experience. Casts were made of a large specimen for mounting as Museum exhibits. Fishing usually commenced around midnight, when the squid became most active. Midnight to dawn were the best hours for "Squiddin." The squid caught ranged in size from four feet to an overall length of eight feet.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 18 to 24 Feb. 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues	16	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		02 00	5.1	07 24	2.6
		14 16	5.9	20 57	2.5
Wed	19	03 25	4.5	08 03	3.1
		15 23	6.0	22 47	2.4
Thur	20	06 07	4.1	08 55	3.5
		18 34	6.2	00 18	2.0
Fri	21	08 54	4.1	00 18	2.0
		17 47	6.4	10 21	3.7
Sat	22	08 08	4.3	01 29	1.6
		18 53	6.6	11 52	3.7
Sun	23	09 55	4.5	02 01	1.3
		19 48	6.8	12 56	3.5
Mon	24	09 28	4.6	02 42	1.1
		20 37	7.0	13 47	3.3

HAVEN FOR SKUNKS

Washington. — The American Wildlife Institute hails the lowly unpopular skunk as the new woodland hero of the land.

The much-avoided little animal has proved its right to recognition on the hushed slopes of the New York Conservation Department's Saratoga Nursery, world's largest forest tree production plant.

It happened this way: Zealously cultivating several million seedlings and transplants, the Saratoga natural scientists suddenly became alarmed when they discovered the nursery tract harboured as many grubworms as tree shoots.

A grubworm, if you don't know, feels the same way about a future tree as a cat does about a canary.

The worms began cutting into the young trees and there wasn't much that could be done about it. Enter the skunk—just a lone skunk.

TASTY MORSEL

Now grubs make a tasty morsel for skunks, so the one that arrived at Saratoga suddenly found himself overwhelmed with a delicious plenty of the things he holds best in life.

The seedling situation improved remarkably. Nurserymen, fearful lest the skunk disappear, did everything possible to make him happy. They even built him what are described at the finest living quarters ever provided for a skunk.

In "protective custody" since early autumn, the little tree saver has become docile and gentle as he goes about his conservation work.

The skunk has not been deodorized, hence he commands the greatest of consideration even from those who don't realize the value of his work. No unnecessary noise is encouraged near his pen.

Things have been so easy that there are ugly rumours the animal is getting fat and lazy of late.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 67 and the minimum 63.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 6.97 inches against an average of 2.21.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

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THROUGH PASSENGERS

Through passengers for Shanghai were Mr. G. Amberg, Mrs. Margot Hogan, Mr. G. A. Meddem, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Toeg, Miss J. R. Toeg, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Smith. A through passenger for Kiangsu (Amoy) was Mr. Angel M. Chon.

NOTICE CANCELLED

The Harbour Office notice regarding a dangerous area off the North East Head, Tam Kan (Lema Islands) has been cancelled.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Feb. 17.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.12 ins.

Temperature, 66 F.

Humidity, 94 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/S

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 64 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 53 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.00 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 6.97 ins.

Against an average of 2.21 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.21 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.54 a.m.

4 p.m. Feb. 17.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.06 ins.

Temperature, 63 F.

Humidity, 85 per cent.

Wind Direction, W/N.

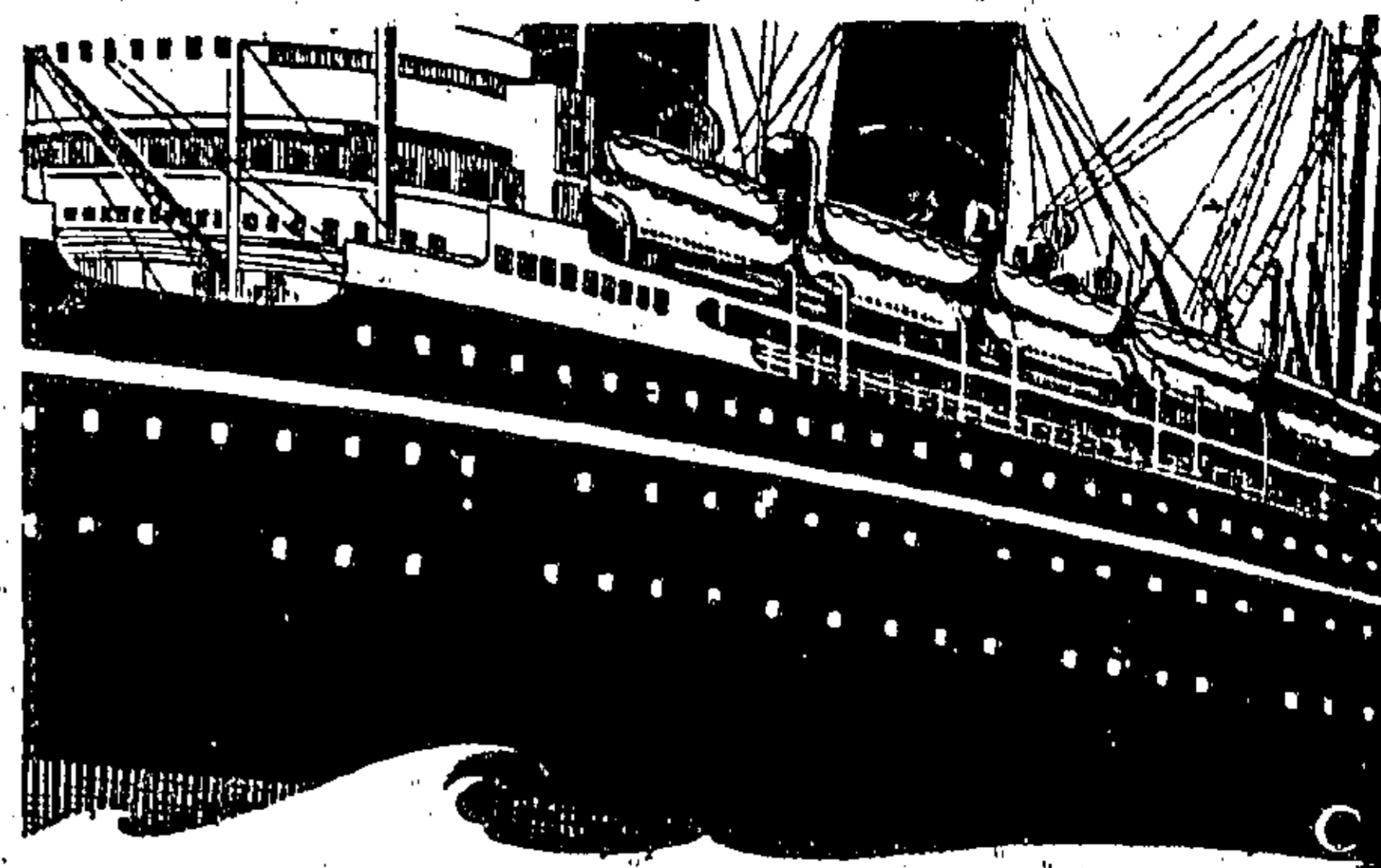
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 67 F.

Minimum temperature, 63 F.

Rainfall, nil.

A moderate anticyclone has developed over N. China, and is extending southward. Pressure remains high over the Pacific to the east of Japan. The depression is centred to the south of Nagasaki, moving N.E.



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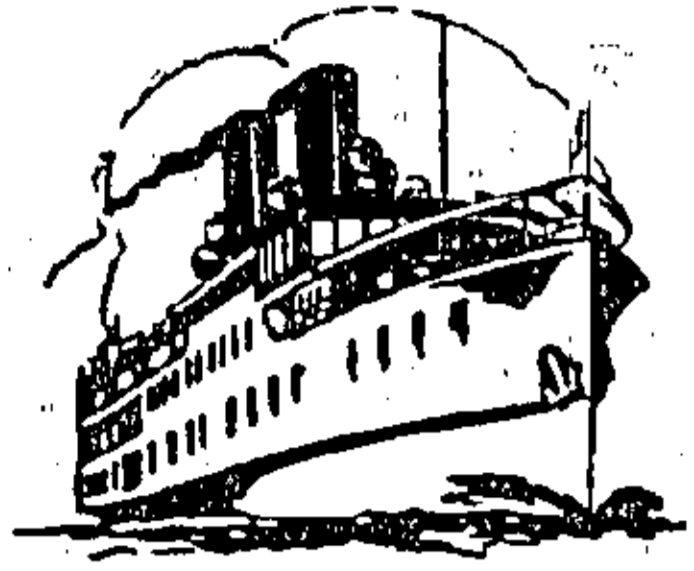
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Mr. E. Himsforth, who until last Saturday was Second Magistrate at Kowloon, is being posted to the Immigration Office and not the War Taxation Office as was reported in our issue of yesterday.

LANDING PERMITS

Reuter reports from Shanghai that the Immigration Bureau of the Hongkong Government Office in Shanghai is to undertake the issue of landing permits for the benefit of local merchants.

BELGIAN COLONIAL SOLDIERS IN SUDAN

Belgian colonial troops are now in the Sudan, states a London message which adds that Polish troops are also playing their part in the fighting in Africa. A big force is being built up in Egypt for this purpose.

The British are advancing in two directions on the strongly-fortified town of Keren, the last stronghold in Italy's African empire.

Forces from the south are now only 50 miles from the sea town while forces from the west are closing in.

The Italians are making desperate attempts to save the town and are rushing up reinforcements from Addis Ababa.—(Special)

DRIVE TO GONDAR

The latest communique from Cairo, according to a London message, states that the Imperial forces continue their successful drive on all fronts. With the fall of Kermok there are no Italians on Egyptian and Sudan soil except as prisoners.

In LIBYA and ERITREA the situation is unchanged.

In ABYSSINIA the drive on Gondar has been resumed, and in the area east of Lake Rudolph penetration is continuing.

In ITALIAN SOMALILAND, enemy forces have been driven back to the line of the Juba River.

FOUND INTACT

A large number of coastal guns and A.A. guns were found intact at Kismayu, states a London message. The town was well fortified with tank traps and a deep belt of wire.

FURTHER BATCH

A further batch of 3,600 Italian prisoners of war have arrived at Bombay, states a London message.—(Special)

The total of Italian prisoners in India to date is 18,000, states a Delhi message.—(Special)

NO LENIENCY FOR LOOTING

Heavier sentences for looting than have been imposed at the Central Criminal Court were passed recently on two A.R.F. rescue workers, Joseph Cutmore, 29, and Frank Nickels, 39, who pleaded "Guilty" to stealing the sum of £12 notes, left exposed by enemy action. The two men were each sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment. In previous cases the sentences have been six months' imprisonment.

The Common Sergeant (Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C.), said:—"There are no less than 10 of these cases in these Courts in one month. Because the sentences have been lenient that is no reason why it will be continued. No leniency can be expected in these cases."

It was stated that the stolen money was a small portion of savings amounting to £200, which escaped damage. It belonged to an 80-year-old man whose body was recovered from wreckage by the two prisoners.

FLOODING IN HUNGARY

There is serious flooding in Hungary and a number of villages have had to be evacuated and people warned to leave their homes in other areas, states a London message.

Troops and reinforcements are arriving during the night to take part in rescue work and to repair broken dams.—(Special)

Censorship: Criticism By An American Correspondent In London

London.—We American correspondents have done a good deal of grumping about the British censorship lately, but the culprit shows no signs of reforming yet, and a few more well-pitched yelps seem called for.

It is all the more a pity that the censorship, run by men with brains, should so frequently lapse into stupidity. The chief press censor, Mr. Cyril Radcliffe, and the director of censorship, Admiral George Thomson, are not only men of keen intelligence, but are manifestly anxious to facilitate the work of foreign reporters here.

The trouble appears to be that they lack the power to enforce their ideas against the stuffed owls in the Foreign Office and defence departments.

To make clearer the sort of brick wall we continually bump into, let me mention a few recent experiences. One episode overstrained the New York Times correspondent's patience. He had mentioned German planes flying up the Thames estuary the previous night.

"You may not mention the Thames in your dispatch," the censor told him.

"Well, then," the correspondent answered in despair, "go ahead and report to my American readers that the German bombers flew up the Amazon."

The censor was certainly not lacking in conscientiousness. He meticulously deleted the word Thames, replaced it by Amazon, and promptly forwarded the dispatch to New York.

Another American reporter was forbidden to mention Coventry, shortly after the devastation of that city. For the benefit of readers up in their Godiviana, he described the havoc wrought in "a Midland town, famed for its naked women," and the censor immediately passed it.

A third American correspondent reported that discussions regarding a new British credit to China are proceeding. The censor, after a tussle with the Foreign Office, approved this, but insisted on the elimination later in the same message of the phrase, "A new British credit to China is possible." Are you surprised that, baffled by this high logic, the censorship drives us occasionally to break out in gooseberry pimples and in print?

BULLHEADEDNESS

These and many other censorship experiences are inexplicable on any grounds other than stunted mental growth or bullheadedness, which have a certain affinity. And I do not wish to dwell unduly on the attitude of certain high authorities, who traditionally view a journalist much as a duchess regards a cockroach.

There is the admiral, for instance, who ruled that I should not mention the landing of British forces on Crete, although the American press had already published the fact. He may have had some abstruse reason for that, but it hardly justified his tart remark: "The press should write what it's told, and that's all." The admiral will have his hands full, persuading American reporters to embrace that philosophy of journalism.

Another type of censorship is less easy to laugh off. It was exemplified a few days ago by the suppression here of a telegram to the American press about the Halifax-Attlee-Alexander suggestion to Dr. Negrin that he should "voluntarily" leave Britain. The salient facts had become public knowledge in the Commons and Lords. The correspondent had merely re-hashed them and included a brief reference to the conversation between Lord Halifax and Mr. A. V. Alexander on the one hand and Negrin on the other, in the First Lord's office at the Admiralty.

Inquiring why he was not allowed to send this story, the correspondent was informed by one official that the news could disturb Britain's relations with another Power. The other Power being Spain, it very soon became obvious that this motivation was nonsense, as Franco was bound to be only too gratified at the spectacle of the British Government offering Dr. Negrin his hat and stick. Later the correspondent was given another reason: a very high official at the Foreign Office had decided that the privacy of Lord Halifax's talk with Negrin must be treated as sacrosanct.

The correspondent remonstrated that British and foreign newspapers are constantly reporting diplomats' talks and often suggest the substance of the conversations, and the censorship does not interfere.

If the British Government is ashamed of its invitation to Dr.

Negrin to quit England, the correspondent pleaded, and if the authorities consequently prefer the incident to be forgotten, then let them say so honestly, and the more credit to them. But, no; the correspondent's report was quashed. But just to restore the censorship's almost unflinching lighter touch, the censor, by inadvertence, allowed a Swedish journalist on the self-same day to report the identical facts about the Negrin affair to his newspaper.

Anti-Fascist Meeting In New York

"ITALIAN PEOPLE NOT DEFEATED"

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (Reuter).—Two thousand Italians and Italian-Americans—80 per cent. of them men—attended a big anti-Fascist meeting organised by the Mazzini Society at Cooper Union Hall.

Professor Salvemini, after paying a tribute to President Roosevelt, said: "If Hitler wins, Italy becomes a German colony. The Italian people have not been defeated. The King, Signor Mussolini, the last two popes and cardinals have been defeated."

"The Italians refuse to fight in a dishonest war."

Max Ascoli, President of the Society, said the freedom and unity won by Italy have been taken away from her people who had been fooled by Fascism.

Signor Ascoli added: "Now is the time for the Italians throughout America to aid the Anglo-Saxon ideal. It is up to those who have Anglo-Saxon liberty to teach the Italians of Italy what freedom really is."

DEATH OF SIR A. H. CUMING

The death occurred in London yesterday of Sir Arthur Herbert Cuming, Kt., who entered the Indian Civil Service in 1893, states a London message.

Sir Arthur had a long career in the East before he was appointed Judge of the High Court at Calcutta in 1921.—(Special)

CHEQUE ACCOUNTS CANCELLATION

SHANGHAI, Feb. 17. (Reuter).—Two leading American banks in Shanghai, the National City Bank and Chase Bank, announce they are cancelling all cheque accounts from March 1 "as a precautionary measure" and will now carry all accounts on a savings deposit basis.

SHIP INCIDENT

An incident between an assistant immigration officer and an officer occurred on board s.s. Kau Tung on Sunday in the course of examination of the ship's passengers by immigration officials. It was alleged that the two men came to blows and as the result of which the immigration official had to be sent to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

Crossword puzzle held over
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Solution No. 833

ACROSS: 1. Wrath; 2. Untamed; 3. Sorub; 11. Berf; 12. Evade; 14. Gnats; 15. Elder; 17. Ends; 19. Astute; 21. Intact; 24. Also; 27. Plate; 29. Venom; 31. Prays; 32. Then; 33. Lathe; 34. Compare; 35. State.

DOWN: 2. Recants; 3. Trust; 4. Cuffed; 5. Steed; 6. Smeat; 7. Idled; 10. Beset; 13. Vent; 16. Isis; 18. Neat; 20. Ugly; 22. Novel; 23. Crochet; 25. Letter; 28. Apace; 27. Parma; 28. Asset; 30. Enact.

FOREIGN MAILS

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United-Kingdom, Straits and Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" (except London) by Sea from Singapore	18th Feb.
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Canton	21st Feb.
Sandakan	21st Feb.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th February.	22nd Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	23rd Feb.
Canton	24th Feb.
Calcutta and Straits	25th Feb.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai — (San Francisco date, 7th February)	25th Feb.
Canton	26th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	26th Feb.
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Australia and Manila	3rd Mar.

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For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	Tue. 18th
Straits and Rangoon	12.30 PM
Saigon	2.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 19th
Manila, Rabaul, Australia, and New Zealand via Brisbane.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 18th 5.00 PM Reg. 18th 5.00 PM Ord. 19th 8.30 AM Noon
Straits and Rangoon	K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A., & Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Haiphong	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 21st
Manila, Batavia and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	3.30 PM
Manila, Batavia, Mauritius, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa via Durban	8.30 PM
	K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 22nd
	K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	10.30 AM
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America and United - Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for United-Kingdom).	G.P.O. Parcels 3.00 PM Reg. 4.45 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
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SUNDAY	Sun. 23rd
Saigon	9.00 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 24th
	K.P.O. Reg. 11.00 AM Ord. 11.30 AM
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 11.00 AM Ord. 11.30 AM
Straits	12.30 PM
Sandakan	3.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 25th
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 24th 5.00 PM Ord. 25th 8.30 AM
Canton	7.00 PM

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